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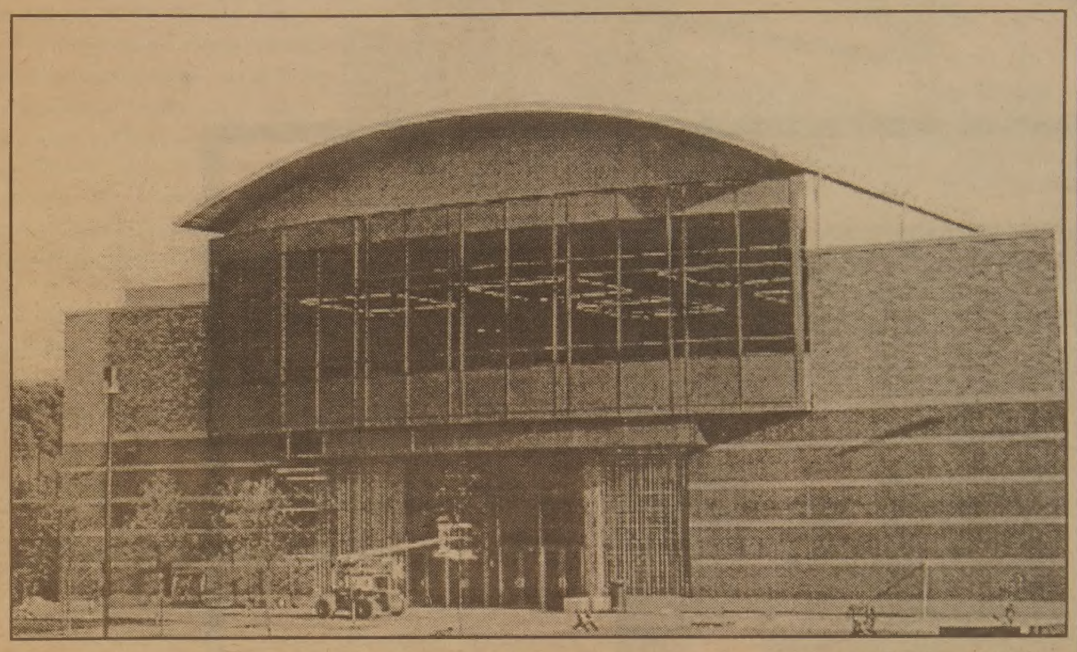
Glendale rising



The new Glendale campus in Niagara-on-the-Lake. The campus is receiving its finishing touches and should be completed by Christmas.

Photo by Aaron Beaudoin

New campus 'showcase' for Niagara region's excellence

By SEAN COFFEY
Staff Writer

The Glendale campus in Niagara-on-the-Lake is a "showcase for the Niagara region," said Tom Gauld, chair of Niagara College's Board of Governors.

Gauld said the fact the Glendale campus and the investment in it was approved by the present government despite economic restraints shows the confidence the government has in both the college and its management.

"It's one of the very few educational capital funding programs of that size," said Gauld, the president of Welland's Canadian Tire Acceptance Ltd.

Niagara College has been "very central" to the region, unlike colleges in Toronto or other metropolitan areas where they are one of many colleges or universities, he said.

"It's hard for them to play an important role in the economy and in the community, or in a central one in the way that Niagara College does."

The campus being central to the region helps the college build on its ability to help develop the economy, he said.

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>
> —Tom Gauld

"I think it (Glendale) is a showcase for the region."

Gauld said the close proximity of the campus to the local vineyards will help to build the reputation of such things as the horticultural school.

One of the key strategies is to make the college more accessible and inviting.

He said he thinks the college has been successful in doing this because it is central and "clearly inviting," so it will attract students not only from the region but also from outside the region as well, adding this is due to the quality of the facility and the environment they are building.

The college helps the region economically by working with different companies and industries to help them with training programs and to provide consulting services, he said.

"It (the college) provides an educated workforce for the Niagara region.

"If we turn out well-educated students with a high-quality education, that in turn will help the region to prosper."

Motoring on

By JENN MOIR
Staff Writer

The finish line is in sight.

The Skill Centre for Motive Power Training at Niagara College will be completed this month with about 120 students arriving on Monday.

The $2-million centre will offer training programs in the motive power field for post-secondary education, trades upgrading, adult retraining and apprenticeship.

The 27,000-square-foot building, located north of the Black Walnut building on the Welland campus, will have an automotive shop, autobody shop, fuels lab, power trains shop, engine shop and four classroom/computer lab spaces.

Mal Woodhouse, director of facility management services, says the centre will put the college "in an excellent position in the competition of training.

"It puts us on the front line instead of in the background."

Niagara College President Dan Patterson says the college "is working very hard to establish ourselves as a centre of excellence in the motor power trade."

The modern facilities and donated vehicles will allow students to keep up with the ever-changing and complex automotive industry, with the access to equipment in computerized fuel injection, passive seatbelt restraints and air-bag technology.

Vehicles are donated from General Motors, Ford, Chrysler, Honda, Toyota, Jaguar and Mazda.

Apprenticeship programs offered are Automotive Service Technician, Alignment and Brake Technician and Autobody and Collision Repairer.

Other planned courses include ozone depletion, air brake endorsement and natural gas conversion.

Certified autobody technicians will be able to learn and practice aluminum technology, MIG welding and refinishing technology.

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Message from the President

Congratulations

to Niagara News for an outstanding job in chronicling 30 years of student success at Niagara College. Best wishes for continued success!

Dan Patterson, President

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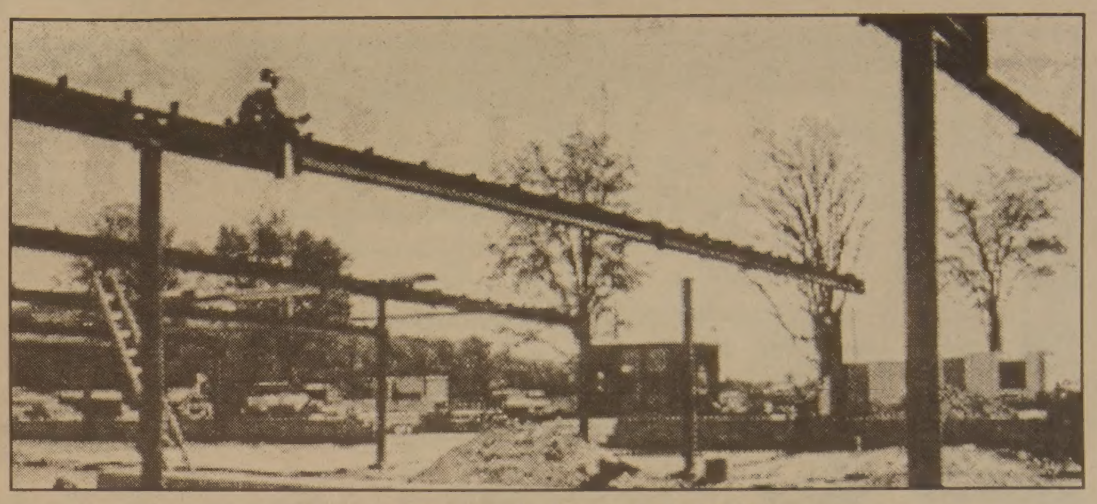
1968-1970

Birth of Niagara College

Continuing education in Ontario has long suffered from the stigma of discrimination. For a considerable period of time in our province continuing education has been restricted to an elite minority, who have found themselves in the appropriate circumstances to take advantages of the opportunities.

The progressive minds behind the educational scene, as well as the leaders of business and industry, have become aware of this fact. The escape from pedagogical bondage has resulted in the newest, most thrilling concept in the development of higher education.



Structural steel rises for Niagara's first building

In May, 1965, the Ontario Legislature introduced a bill to establish the new community colleges of applied arts and technology. ". . . A major step forward," emphasized the Hon. William Davis, minister of education. This was an understatement of the first magnitude. The establishment of the community college is the opening of the educational door to people of all ages and varied experiences. The student at the community college is able to acquire a broad general background, as well as concentrate on a particular skill to prepare for a position of responsibility in his society.

This major step resulted locally in Niagara College of Applied Arts and Technology in Welland serving the students of Welland, Lincoln and Haldimand counties.

November, 1966, saw the inaugural meeting of Niagara's first Board of Governors, headed by Paul Forestell, QC, of Welland. Assisted by various members of the department of education, the board began the movement towards land development, building construction and the acquisition of the first teaching staff. Early in 1967 the board elected a very capable man as Niagara's first president, Dr. W. George Bowen. By Sept. 18, of the same year, the first temporary building had been constructed, the first student had been registered and the first year for Niagara had begun.

Graduates return as advisers, community liaison for college board

By DAVE BECCARIO
Staff Writer

Advisory Committees to Niagara College's Board of Governors now include several graduates of Niagara College. This will mark the first time any graduate student has been on an Advisory Committee.

Those appointed were B. Bucknall, D.A. Briggs, L. Penteluck, R.A. Scott, K. Cherney, and R.C. Bodnar, as announced by Dr. W. George Bowen, president, Niagara College. The committees form an essential link between the college and the communities served throughout the Niagara Peninsula. Through these committees, the college is assured of realistic guidelines meeting the past secondary educational needs in the area.

New members for Educational Resources Technician Advisory Committee are B. Bucknall, guidance resource technician, College of Education, University of Toronto; E. Grove, Principal, Lakeport Secondary School, St. Catharines, Ont.; P. McIntyre, co-ordinator, Lincoln County Board of Education, St. Catharine,s Ont.

R.J. Pierce, co-ordinator of Technical Services and Adult Education, Niagara South Board of Education, Niagara Falls, Ont., will be General Technology Committee member.

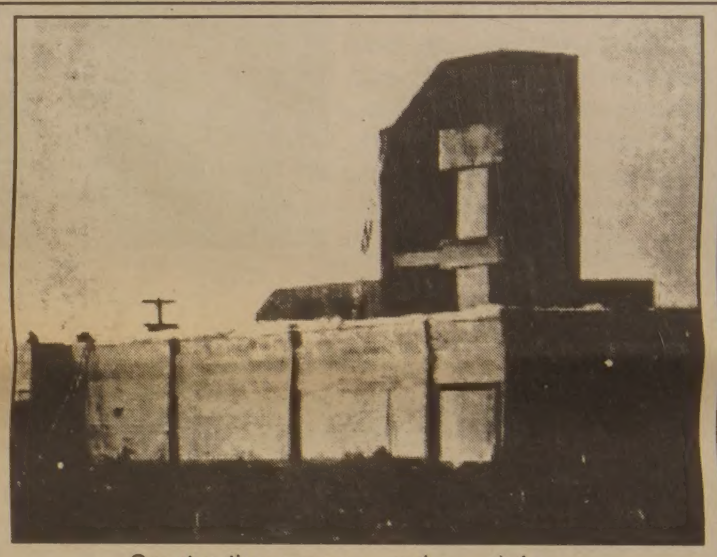
Horticultural representatives to the Advisory Committee are G.W.B. Hostetter, Director of Agricultural Research, T.B. Bright and Co. Ltd., Niagara Falls, Ont.; and R. Whitty, St. Catharines, Ont., Member, Ontario Grape Growers Association.

New members for Industrial Relations Committee are; G.R. Kingsmill, personnel manager, Electric Reduction Co., Port Maitland, Ont.; J. Maxwell, business agent, Local 676 U.A.W., St Catharines, Ont.

K. Cherney, reporter, *The Evening Tribune*, Welland, Ont. will be Journalism Advisory Committee Member.

Law Enforcement will b; D.A. Briggs, constable, Niagara Falls Police Department; R.C. Bodnar, Cadet, Welland City Police Department; R.A. Scott corporal, O.P.P., Niagara Falls, Ont.

L. Penteluke, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ont., is Medical Records Committee Member.



Construction goes on...and on...and on...
Photo by James Halliday

Pierre Trudeau succeeds Pearson as leader of the Liberals and wins a majority in a federal election.

Parking lot coming in '71

The headache problem of cramped parking facilities at the college will be relieved within the next few months.

Ed Lundman, director of campus development, said a new parking lot will be constructed through capital funds allocated for construction of college facilities.

The new parking lot, west of the existing parking lot, and half the size, will accommodate 200 cars.

The new parking lot will be in use by Christmas, and will be paved in the spring of 1971.

Newspaper fair, accurate: Davis

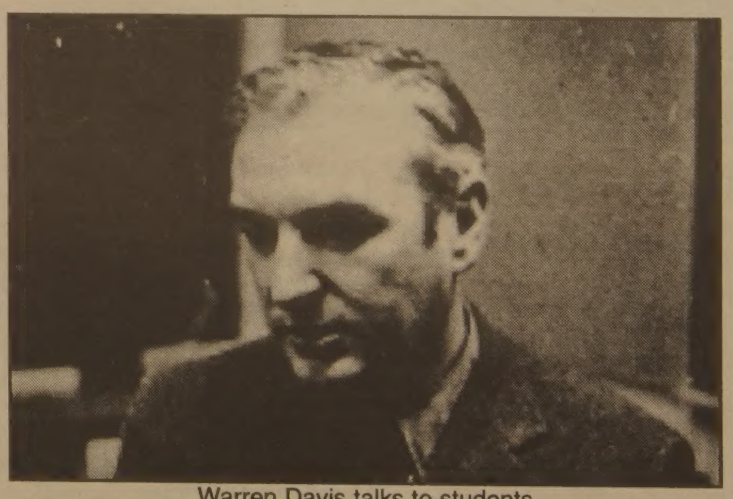
"Journalism is fair and accurate in its reporting" stated Warren Davis, well-known CBC announcer while lecturing at the Niagara College of Applied Arts and Technology, Thursday, Nov. 19.

Speaking to a group of second year Radio and TV students, Mr. Davis discussed subjective versus objective journalism.

He informed students that anyone thinking about a television career should learn film making technique.

"If I had it all to do over again," he said, "I would become a producer or work in the newsroom."

In a brief question and answer period, Mr. Davis expressed his views on the invokement of the War Measures Act. With eyes flashing in his anger, and waving his cigar, he emphasized that the government in his mind had over-reacted to the situation. He felt it was purely a political ploy.



Warren Davis talks to students

He attended Lorne Green's radio school in 1952 and since has worked for CBC in Windsor, Winnipeg and presently Toronto. Starting his career as staff announcer for "This Hour Has Seven Days" and "The Way It Is," in 1967 he became host of the controversial "The Day It Is."

Editors' Message

The purpose of this commemorative edition of the *Niagara News* is to reflect on the past 30 years.

All stories have been selected by the editors according to their importance to Niagara College.

Some stories, however, have been selected because of their significance to that time period.

Through the years the writing style journalists have followed, known as *Canadian Press*, has changed dramatically. For this reason several stories appearing in this edition are written according to the style of the time.

However, spelling, incomplete sentences and obvious errors have been corrected by the editors as a means of maintaining consistency throughout the paper and is not meant as disrespect to past *Niagara News* staff.

Every precaution has been taken to ensure stories which appear in this edition are correct and contain in no way libelous information.

We hope you enjoy this edition as you journey back through 30 years of Niagara College life.

2,500 shout 'stop bomb' at protest

By JUNE McCONNELL
Staff Writer

"O Canada" rang out loud and clear over Rainbow Bridge, Niagara Falls, Nov. 3, as over 2,500 students surged through Canadian customs to protest the Amchitka bomb test.

Placards entitled, "Bombs away, Dickie" and "So long, west coast; it was nice to know you," were burned to protest the blast.

Amchitka protest at the Rainbow Bridge Nov. 3, 1971

> Students were overheard saying to one another about the fire, "Oh, let the Americans clean it up. It's on their side of the bridge anyway."

A black coffin containing 6,000 signatures and a dummy corpse was presented to U.S. officials at the international line by folksinger Stan Rogers and Hamilton artist William Powell.

One angry youth expressed the feeling of the crowd when he shouted, "Why don't they test it in their own backyard? Why not in the centre of their own damnation.

The demonstration was organized by McMaster University student union. It attracted 20 busloads of students from McMaster University, Mohawk College and high schools from Hamilton and Burlington. Students from Brock University and Niagara College were also present. Despite the chilling wind, the students persevered and ended the protest with a huge bonfire of all the placards on the American side of the bridge.

Student parade marshals herded the students off the bridge so that traffic could continue. The bridge was left deserted. Nothing remained except the smoldering bonfire.

Two bedraggled students were overheard saying to one another about the fire, "Oh, let the Americans clean it up. It's on their side of the bridge anyway."

Simcoe building ready

By DIANE WAYDA
Staff Writer

Many programs will be moving to the new Simcoe building in October, Alan Wyatt, campus development officer, said.

"Four years ago we had the main building with a cow pasture behind it. Look what we have now."

The second floor of the Simcoe building will be home to the journalism and fashion arts programs; the dental assistant, medical records technician and public administration programs will be on the third floor. The dental assistant program will not move until the beginning of next term, Mr. Wyatt said.

The journalism area will have a simulated news office, newsroom, teletype machine, morgue, darkroom and offices for the instructors. It will be like a real newsroom, Mr. Wyatt said.

In the fashion arts area, there will be space for interior decoration, ceramics, sculpture and creative fashion photography although these programs have not yet started, he said.

The medical records room will be "like a hospital," Mr. Wyatt said. Typing desks, reception rooms and filing areas will be in use.

The Simcoe building has student lounge areas on all three floors. There are lecture rooms similar in layout but smaller than Hamilton Hall. These lecture halls hold 75 students and there is one on each floor.

Bridge over troubled driveway

By ROBERT SUNSTRUM
Staff Writer

A pedestrian bridge is being built over the Voyageur building driveway to facilitate flow of traffic from the main parking lot to the Simcoe building.

The arch-type bridge will be suitable to handicapped students as there will be no steps. It is high enough to allow transport trucks to pass underneath.

Designed by Proctor and Redfern, college site consultants, and Gerenscar and Russell, college architects, the bridge will be completed by Christmas at the cost of approximately $20,000. Moir Construction of St. Catharines is building it.

$500,000 student dorm proposal under consideration

A discussion for a $500,000 student dormitory complex was tabled until the meeting by Jack Gravel, council president. The dormitory complex, a 90 unit co-ed building, would be a two-story, 100 by 150 foot residence on Burger St., in Welland.

Timms Construction and Engineering Ltd., put forward the idea to see if the council would be interested in financing and running its own residence.

The council will decide whether it will give the proposal serious consideration or drop it completely.

Graphics, Journalism to combine on News editions

The Graphic Arts Department of Niagara College will become more and more involved in the mechanical aspects of production of the *Niagara News* with each edition.

C. Vandevelde, program co-ordinator of Graphic Arts said the involvement of the graphics students with the journalism-advertising students is good "hands-on training" for both programs.

"The journalism students will become more and more aware of what the mechanical and photographic equipment can do and the graphic students will more readily understand the needs of the other departments in the publication of newspapers and magazines," he said.

Austin Jelbert, program co-ordinator for journalism, said his students will be able to see the mechanical processes involved in production and understand the limits of equipment involved in the various processes. He said the students will become more aware of the need for careful attention to detail in production.

Both co-ordinators said they hoped the entire production of the *News*, with the exception of typesetting, may be done on campus in the future.

Fix teeth for free

By KAJHILA GRANT
Staff Writer

The dental assistant course is offering the services of qualified dentists to Niagara College students requesting dental care.

An area dentist will perform minor dental work in the dental lab located in the Voyageur block in room T-6, every Wednesday and Thursday from 1:30-4:30 p.m.

Students will be charged only for the cost of materials.

This service will have a two-fold benefit. The dental assistant students will receive on-the-job training from the practicing dentist said Mrs. Bonda Misener, the program co-ordinator. The patient will, at the same time, receive qualified dental care at minimum cost.

The role of the dental assistant is to assist the doctor during dental treatment, practicing the concept of four-handed dentistry.

Appointments must be made through Mrs. Misener and in a dental office, students under 21 will be required to have a form signed by parents.

Canada wins the first hockey challenge against the Soviets. Trudeau's Liberals win a minority government by only two seats. The federal government officially adopts a policy of multiculturalism. Gerald Herzberg, of the National Research Council, wins the Nobel Peace Prize in chemistry for studies of smog.

1973-1974

Cold nights for Niagara College

By STEVE SHARRATT
Staff Writer

Niagara College is beginning to look for ways to cut energy use in the college.

According to A.S. Manera, college president, "we haven't started anything yet but we are looking for ways of cutting power in the college.

"We've always been cost-conscious because of the squeeze to balance the heat and light budget."

A committee may be formed to handle the tightening of energy use or even a student project might be incorporated.

"At 10:30 p.m. to 6:30 a.m. we drop the temperature by 10 degrees and lights that remain on are only left on for security reasons."

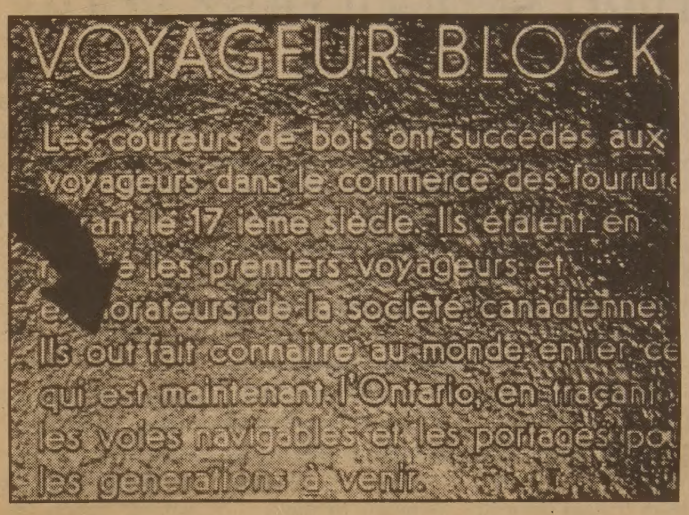
Mr. Manera also commented on transportation cuts which were initiated before the threat of an energy crisis and have now turned out to be an energy saver.

"Close to 400 round trips are made to Toronto by college personnel and myself. We have employed the use of public transit which has saved the college money and now is even more important to continue. The cost of a train or bus is much cheaper than be driving your own car to important appointments in Toronto."

Some American colleges have found it helpful to omit the month of January from the school year and add an extra month on at the end of the year. This way saving energy during the coldest month of the year.

"We may have to adjust our way of living to a new standard," Mr. Manera commented.

Who goofed?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les generations à venir.

By STEVE SHARRATT
Staff Writer

A t a cost of $70 each, nine copper wall plaques have been placed in the various campus buildings and contain a brief historical résumé on the origin of each building's name.

Engraved in both English and French, the Voyageur plaque in French suffers from a glaring $70 mistake. It reads in French, "Ils out fait." Mrs. M. D. Therrien, college French instructor, said the plaque should read "Ils ont fait."

"It appears the mistake has been made in the copy sent from the college," said Myron Kukla, information officer.

The plaques were processed by Barber Memorials in St. Catharines.

Crowded pubs to be banned

By KATHY RENWALD
Staff Writer

Pub-nites will be a thing of the past at Niagara College if capacity regulations are violated again.

The Student Administrative Council (SAC) executive has decided on strict admission requirements as a result of stern warnings from the Liquor License Board of Ontario (LLBO) about overcrowding at recent pubs.

SAC has a current permit for a 600 person capacity. At an Oct. 18 pub sponsored by the ski club, about 1,000 people attended. An LLBO inspector also attended and said future pubs will be closed if the permit capacity is violated again.

A new policy of couple "sign-ins" will be enforced, Beth Bridgman, SAC president, said if a female Niagara College student wants to sign in an outsider, the outsider must be male; if a male Niagara College student wants to sign in an outsider, the outsider must be female.

Those attending pubs will be counted; once the 600 mark is reached, the doors will be closed.

The LLBO inspector also informed SAC they must sell two types of food at every pub, dry food, such as chips and nuts and also pizza and subs.

Journalism to run Niagara Advance

By CHRIS GLADUN
Staff Writer

The third-year journalism class, in a plan described as "unique in Canada," will take over production of the *Niagara Advance* for at least three editions.

Phil Vieira, editor and publisher who teaches the five students at Niagara, will go to Trinidad-Tobago in December to purchase plants for a greenhouse business.

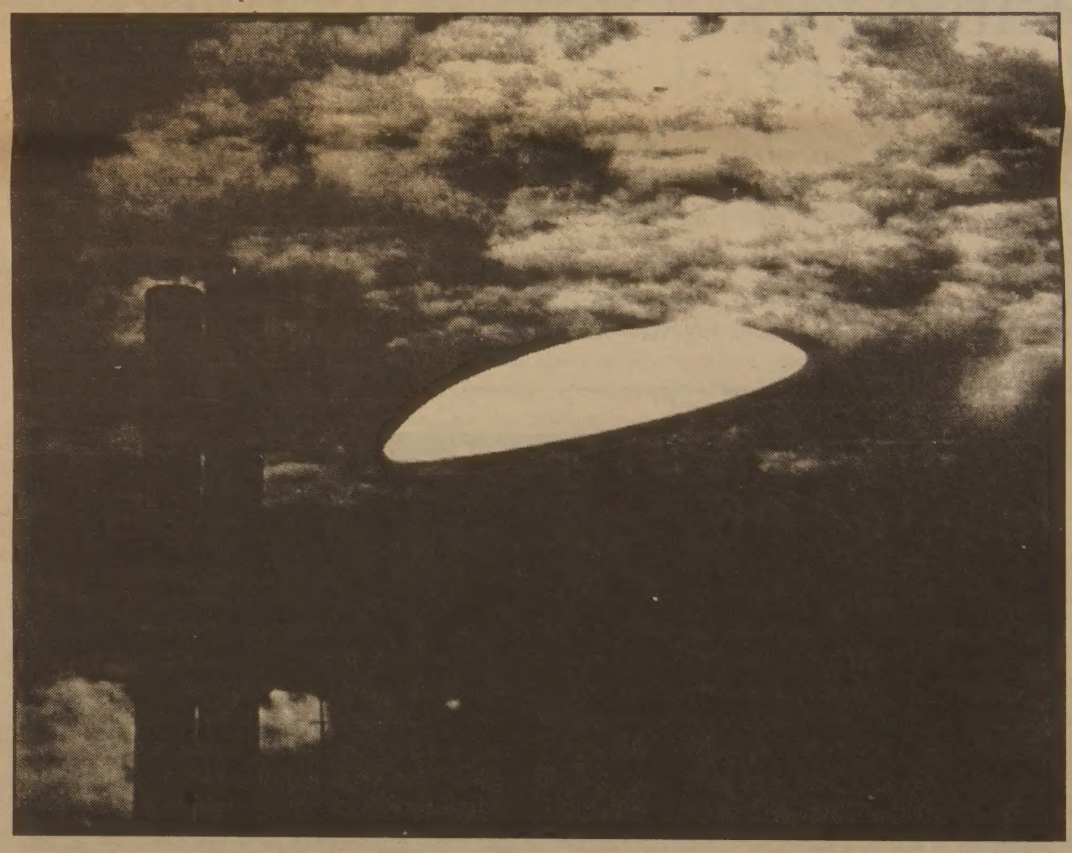
He will supervise the first two edition and then the students will run the paper themselves.

All writing, reporting, and photography, except for ads, in the Niagara-on-the-Lake weekly will be their responsibility and will form part of their school mark. Austin Jelbert, program coordinator, called the situation "unique in Canada, as far as I know, in which students will run a commercial paper in its entirety."

A total of five papers will be published between Dec. 3 and January.

Les Mate, a student who will work on the paper, said, "I feel it will be a fascinating new experience."

It's a bird, it's a plane...



Phantom shapes in the sky, weird lights at night, and bizzare reports of UFO landings all made the news lately. Hoax or reality, these reports come in continually from all corners of the world. There are as many ways of explaining away these reports as there are to support them. With all this happening around the world, *Niagara News* reporters thought it was unfair for Niagara College not to have its own UFO sighting. With a lot of luck, much hard work and long hours of night vigil, the *Niagara News* is proud to present its own stellar phenomenon. Orson Welles had nothing like this! Beware of space travellers! Gentlemen, hide your women; the Martians are coming!

Photo by Ursula Francis Owen

The House of Commons criticizes U.S. bombing of North Vietnam. Henry Morgentaler is acquitted on illegal abortion charges in Montreal. The separatist Parti Québecois becomes the official opposition in a provincial election. The Hydro-Electric Commission of Ontario changes its name to Ontario Hydro. Mikhail Baryshnikov defects in Montreal. Trudeau's Liberals win a majority government.

1975-1976

Paper fulfils dreams of ex-Niagara newsman

By JOHN BRUCE
Staff Writer

Don McCahill, a former journalism student at Niagara, has achieved a lifetime ambition and has started his own newspaper in Lambton County.

His paper, *The Tribune*, serves the three northern townships of the county in southwestern Ontario. It is published biweekly and has a circulation of 2,000 with a paid circulation of only 250.

"I'm not the type of guy to work for someone else," Don said. "I like to make my own decisions."

The paper gives him plenty of chances to make his own decisions. Don is the editor, reporter, photographer, advertising department, layout man and circulation manager of *The Tribune*. And he admits to many 16-hour days.

The paper concentrates on local news and sports in Forest, Arkona, Bosanquet and Thedford, Ont. It is the only area paper to cover the council meetings of these localities and caters to their great interest in sports.

The paper seems to be generally well received in the area, Don said. It is coming along well in Thedford and Arkona, but is having problems in Forest where Don says he needs to market to make a profit.

At the moment, *The Tribune* is operating on a shoestring budget. Each issue costs between $125 and $150 to put out depending on the size and number of pictures. The only source of revenue right now is advertising and a few paid subscriptions. "It's breaking even," Don said.

Don hopes to go weekly in the near future. He would like to increase his circulation in the town of Forest with paid subscriptions to make the paper a paying proposition.

Niagara thief strikes again

By CAROL McKNIGHT
Staff Writer

Two more thefts at Niagara College have been reported in the last two weeks.

Gwen Moore, second-year Graphic Arts student, had $40 taken from her wallet and her leather coat valued at $100 was stolen.

Gwen said while she played intramural games in the gym of the MacKenzie building Thursday Nov. 13, she left both her coat and purse in the girls' changeroom.

About the same time Gwen's things were taken, Linda Morningstar, another second year Graphic Arts student, had $5 stolen from the back pocket of her pants.

When she finished the games, she returned to the changeroom and discovered her things had been taken. Gwen said that nothing but the money had been taken from her purse and wallet.

Sergeant Robert Clarkson of the Niagara Regional Police Welland division told the *News*, "We have a couple of suspects," but said until recently the police had been too tied up with other work.

"It's happening all the time, all over the city. It's not new for Niagara College," he said.

TV students produce high school quiz show

The Radio-TV program at Niagara is producing a new high school television quiz show.

"We're calling the show the Young Canadians," said Mike Caron, second-year student who is producing it.

The pilot was taped Dec. 4. The three participants were Sir Winston Churchill High School from St. Catharines, Stamford Collegiate from Niagara Falls and Centennial from Welland.

If the new show can be sold, Mr. Caron plans to apply for a Wintario grant to produce up to 13 shows.

Robert Welch, provincial minister of culture and recreation, was approached Nov. 19 at the provincial cabinet meeting at the college regarding Wintario funding.

"He told us to come and see him when we're ready and he'll see what he can do for us," Mr. Caron said. "We're hoping to get $5,000."

Mr. Caron said cable companies may be interested in buying the show if they like the pilot.

If the pilot is sold, the students will produce a series of 13 shows using 27 area high school teams in a double knockout tournament.

Tattle-tape system working, library book thefts down

Book thefts have been halved since installation of the Tattle-Tape system in the Niagara College library.

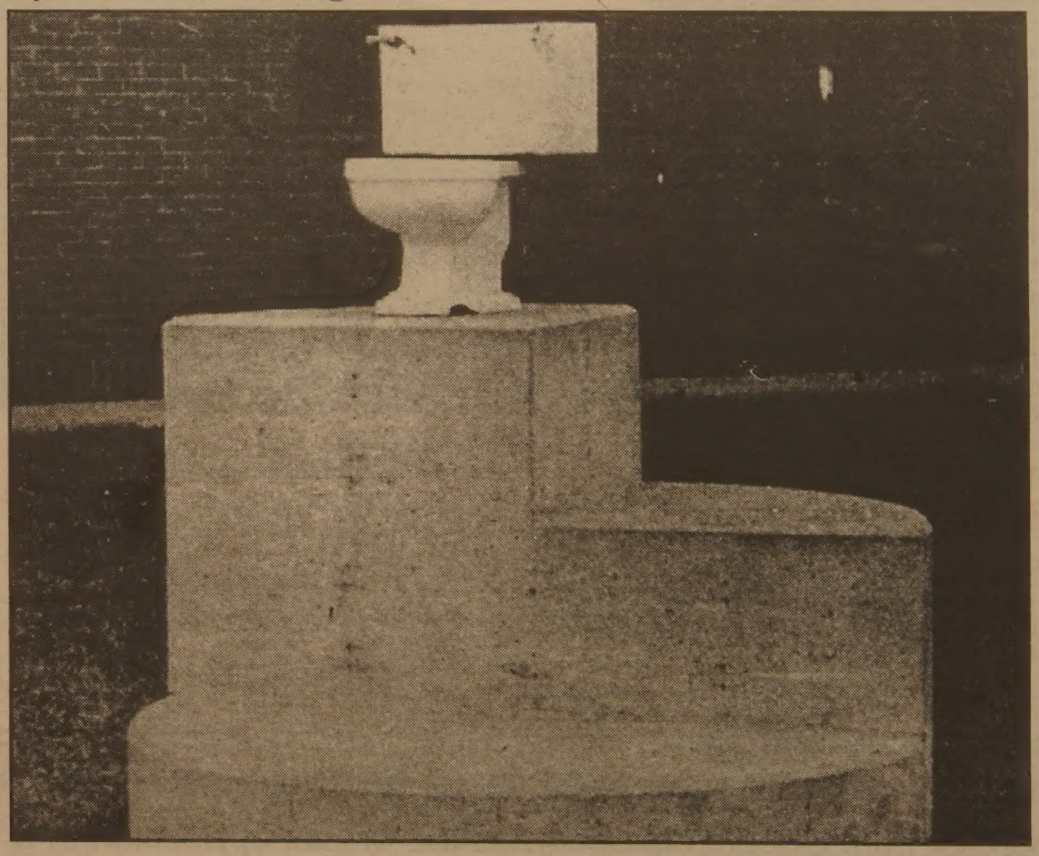
It was installed in the spring of 1973 and was only the second such system in Ontario. Since then, however, many colleges have followed suit.

The approximately $20,000 system although not infallible, said S.J. Kees, chief librarian, is "justifying itself" and he would certainly recommend it.

Asked about student reaction to the Tattle-Tape system, he said they seem to like it better than personal inspection.

Mr. Kees said it was unfortunate that so much money must be spent for a "small minority of students."

A pedestal fit for a king



At long last, some unknown sculptor has found a use for that stark block of cement that sits like a lump outside the Simcoe building. This work of art had a short life. Soon after this picture was taken, someone pushed this statue off its pedestal and destroyed it.

Photo by Kreamer

Best defensive game nets team's second straight win

Niagara's basketball Knights won their second straight game by defeating Seneca Braves 78-66, in a game played here Feb. 10.

Niagara moved out to an early lead, and although the Braves fought back to within four points by the half and within one midway through the second half, the Knights never trailed.

"It was our best game defensively in a long time, especially (Tom) Boese," Coach Peter Rylander said. Boese was a menace on the boards, clearing 10 defensive rebounds and eight more at the Seneca end, as well as dropping in 12 points.

"We controlled the boards well, considering their height advantage," Coach Rylander said, "with him (Boese), Mark Tessier, Mike Soucie and Brian Johnson."

Soucie led a well-balanced scoring attack with 18, while Wayne Wiese hit 16, Dave Zalba had 13, and Boese added his 12.

Len Noel was the scoring leader in the game as he scored 23 in a losing effort. John Melchiori added 16 for Seneca.

The death penalty is abolished. The Olympic games are held in Montreal under tight security. Team Canada wins the first Canada Cup. René Lévesque and the Parti Québecois win a provincial election. The Eaton Company discontinues catalogue sales after 92 continuous years.

Toronto's CN Tower becomes the world's tallest free-standing structure. Television cameras are allowed in the House of Commons for the first time. Trudeau institutes wage and price controls to fight inflation.

1977-1978

This particular grape is not going to whine

Niagara College's "Electric Grape" makes an appearance at the Grape and Wine Festival

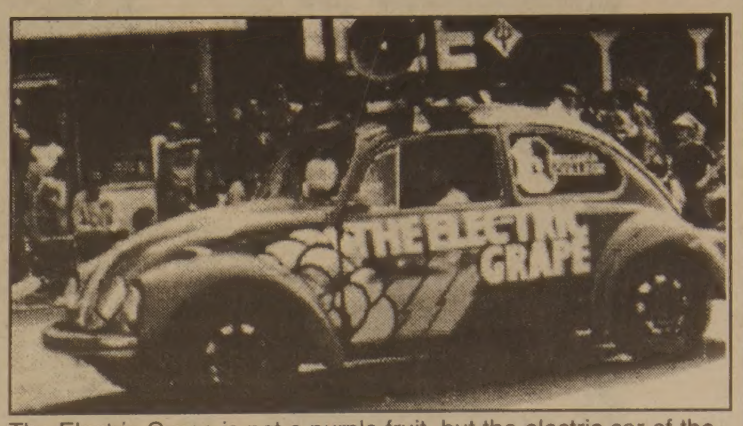
The existence of an "electric grape" may seem absurd to some but those knowing better realize this grape has nothing to do with Welch's grape products or grapes with electronic currents.

"The Electric Grape" is the name given to the electric car of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE), Niagara College branch, entered as a parade float in the Grape and Wine Festival Sept. 30.

Greg Ostryhon, student chairman of IEEE, drove the car with vice-chairman, Pacifico Cecchetti. A taped recording of the car's capabilities was played as they drove in the parade.

The car had been a bright orange color. For the event, a group of graphic arts students decorated it with the name The Electric Grape.

"The showing of the car was great, with coverage from Niagara College and Channel 11 television, in addition to CHOW and CJRN radio," Greg said.



The Electric Grape is not a purple fruit, but the electric car of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers. Greg Ostryhon, student chairman of IEEE, is shown driving the car.

Photo by Barnatt

Flasher disrupts afternoon class

A "flasher" disrupted an afternoon English class on the first floor of the Simcoe building Thursday, Sept. 21.

Erika Church, an English teacher, said she was teaching first year human relation students at the blackboard in room S105C when a student shrieked. The student told her that through the glass panel by the door, she had seen a man expose himself.

Mrs. Church went out, but found the hall was vacant.

She went back to teaching only to hear two students shriek. Two men in the class ran out after the "flasher" but were not able to capture him, she said.

One student described the flasher as a stocky man with a green army jacket and pants. He wore gold-rimmed glasses and had reddish-brown hair and a beard.

"I was looking out and I just saw him standing there," another student said. "He was just looking in, trying to get our attention."

Both students agree it was a "scary" experience.

"He really looked like a pervert," one student said. "Really serious."

"It was sick," another said. Asked what she would have done about it, she said: "I'd want someone to catch him."

"Good" employment prospects greet 86 Mack nursing grads

Of 86 Mack Nursing Centre in St. Catharines graduates, only 15 are without full or part-time employment employment, said Miss Lois Millar.

"If they wanted to go to the States, they could have been employed," said Miss Millar.

These employment figures are "quite good," she said.

Thirty-three of last spring's graduates are employed in Ontario; 33 are working in hospitals in the United States; four have found jobs in provinces other than Ontario and one is doing post-graduate work at a university.

Soucie leads NC to win, defeat Conestoga

Niagara College men's basketball team started the second half of the regular schedule off right by steamrolling Conestoga College, Kitchener, 62-45.

The victory was even sweeter considering Niagara lost the first meeting 73-71 on Dec. 2 at Niagara with the Knights leading in that game by as much as 10 points.

Leading scorers for Niagara were guard Mike Soucie with 25, Ted Kicinski, 10, and forward Terry Krawec, 4.

Eugene Todd's 15 and Rick Hoover's 12 points were Conestoga's only two big shooters.

"Soucie really settled things down," Peter Rylander, coach, said. "He brought maturity to the offence. It was good in the first half allowing them only three baskets in the first half of the game."

The game which was played Jan. 12 at Kitchener brought the Knights' season record to 2-7. The team hit on 26 of 72 shots from the field for a 36 per cent average.

The years of elevator shoes and polyester pants

Retroactive salary increase begins, new contract talks start again

Ontario's community college faculty ratified a new contract Jan. 14 that provides for an annual pay increase of about $1,000 for teaching masters, counsellors and instructors and $1,250 for librarians.

The contract, retroactive to Sept. 1, covers 6,000 teachers and librarians in the 22 community colleges.

The contract was submitted to each college for ratification following a collective agreement reached Dec. 22 between representatives of the employees and the Council of Regents, spokesmen for the colleges.

The new one-year contract sets the minimum salary for a teaching master counsellor at $13,000, an increase from $12,000 last year. Teachers holding a four-year honor university salaries increased from $24,000 to $25,400.

Also provided for is an increase in the yearly increment for faculty members who have not yet reached their maximum salary level. This will be raised from $750 to $775.

Bargaining for the 1977-78 contract may commence as early as this month.

Festivals, open houses mark decade anniversary celebration

N iagara College is 10 years old this year and everyone's invited to join the celebration.

Plans for the 10th anniversary celebration include college open houses, a Canadian heritage festival, a special theatre production, an alumni weekend, a time capsule placement and more.

The year-long celebration started Nov. 23 with a recognition dinner for the first college board of governors and ends Oct. 22 with the dedication of the college's two new buildings and a giant open house.

The first community event will be an open house at the horticultural centre in St. Catharines on March 12 and 13.

A three-day Canadian heritage festival featuring historical displays, area arts and crafts exhibition, speakers and community events will be held at the Welland campus March 17 to 19.

Three Penny Opera, a special Theatre Arts presentation, will be presented in the Welland Centennial Auditorium April 12 to 15.

A week-long celebration from Oct. 16 to 23 will conclude the decennial activities. This will include a crafts show, exhibition athletic events, a dance and an alumni day. The Lundy-Merritt building will be dedicated and a time capsule placed.

The remains of a Soviet nuclear-powered satellite crash in Canada's north. Quebec passes Bill 101, restricting English schooling to children of parents educated in English schools. Highway signs are changed to the metric system.

Blizzard of 1977

The Blizzard of '77 buried the Niagara Peninsula bringing life in the region to a standstill for three days and trapping 700 people at Niagara College.

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A Message From The Premier of Ontario

Photo by Robert C. Ragsdale, F.R.P.S

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Congratulations!

THE NIAGARA NEWS
30TH ANNIVERSARY

On behalf of the Government of Ontario, I am pleased to extend greetings to staff, readers and supporters of *The Niagara News* as you celebrate your 30th anniversary.

The Niagara News is the cornerstone of information for the Niagara College community and for three decades, the students of the print journalism program have provided this valuable service for students and faculty alike. Students have also gained practical work experience — knowledge that will be of immense value as they pursue careers in media.

I congratulate the students for their fine work on this special edition and offer my best wishes for the continued success of *The Niagara News*.

The Honourable Michael D. Harris
Premier of Ontario

May 14, 1999

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Media over-reaction to news of royal baby

The news that the Princess of Wales is with child would have lifted my grandfather beyond the heights of europhoria — he was a man who maintained unequivocal pride in his claim that he was 56th cousin to Queen Victoria. However, he would turn over in his grave at the announcement that Lady Diana was unable to attend an engagement at her husband's estate because she was "slightly indisposed."

My grandfather would fear the worst upon hearing this vague and unimportant bit of news which has the potential to send someone like himself, loyal to the throne, into a fit of drinking. For myself, however, the conditioning I am subject to as part of the journalism program causes me to question the news value of such of story.

It isn't necessary for around-the-clock media coverage of Lady Diana's every moment just because she is in the family way. The attempts by the media to weave some colour into an otherwise depressing daily newscast have resulted in a wave of trivial anecdotes that are sensationally the news of her pregnancy.

The importance of the royal family in global affairs has obviously declined; the news of a baby does not warrant minute-by-minute coverage.

When born, the royal baby will be only 58 per cent English, and if a dog, would be considered a mutt. By no means is that an attempt to slander the royal baby; it is just putting into perspective the fact the baby is just a regular human being even though born a prince or princess.

My mind keeps envisioning nine months of earth-shattering headlines such as "Royal baby kicks; Thatcher declares national holiday" or Diana refuses to name baby Patrick, IRA hunger strikes continue."

It is inevitable that the National Enquirer, the journalistic answer to toilet paper, get in on the act. Scandalous revelations such as undoubtably rock the very foundation of the world's oldest surviving monarchy.

Personally, the worst thing that could happen would be if Diana had a royal set of quintuplets. The saturation of the wires of stories stemming from the birth would force me to retreat into isolation for months.

If my grandfather were alive, however, there would be a celebration fit for a king.

David De Rocco

Press needs freedom

Journalists will never win any popularity contests. They may never be fondly remembered as the mouthpiece of a corrupt society vainly doing battle against humanity. So be it. Most do not expect such accolades.

Yet, it is distressing to discover exactly how unpopular the media is. In a recent Chicago-based survey, only 13.7 per cent of those questioned had confidence in journalists. Only politicians scored lower on the scale.

The viewing, listening and reading public, it seems, wants to stick its collective head in the sand and ignore those nasty little things that go on all over the world — wars, famines, nuclear bombs, air disasters. Reality has gone out of fashion. People want to be spoon-fed a bland mixture of life in Utopia and to hell with the innocent thousands killed in some crazy was across the Atlantic.

People have ceased to appreciate that basic tenet of a democratic society — freedom of the press. They view a probing media as a meddling nuisance. In our hectic world today, perhaps less is best. With less information to absorb, there is less mental work of sorting and filing and more time to sit in front of the television watching General Hospital.

When the Americans invaded Grenada, foreign journalists were barred from the island for three days and any news leaving the island was carefully filtered through Army PR personnel. Is this what the public wants — deliberate press and information manipulation by the state?

It would appear so. The public was delighted by the press blackout. A caller to a New York magazine said, "I just want you to know the press had no business in Grenada and I'm glad they kept you out."

The Soviet Union has been censoring their press for decades and it does more than rap the knuckles of overzealous, questioning journalists.

People in a democratic country such as ours can afford to be critical of the press. They can pick and choose what they want to believe from a variety of news sources — everyone should be so lucky! To deprive the public of its eyes and ears is to deprive the public of the right to make an informed and intelligent decision.

Jane Stirling

Dear Kathleen:

I would like to extend my heartiest congratulations and sincere thanks, for your hard work and dedication in organizing the recent Shinerama Campaign at Niagara College.

As I had the pleasure of receiving the first official shoe shine in Canada this year, I was so pleased to learn that once again Shinerama has been a huge success!

Your contribution to the critical CF research and treatment programs currently underway is truly valued by the Foundation and its members. As a token of our appreciation, we would like you to accept the enclosed CCFF pin.

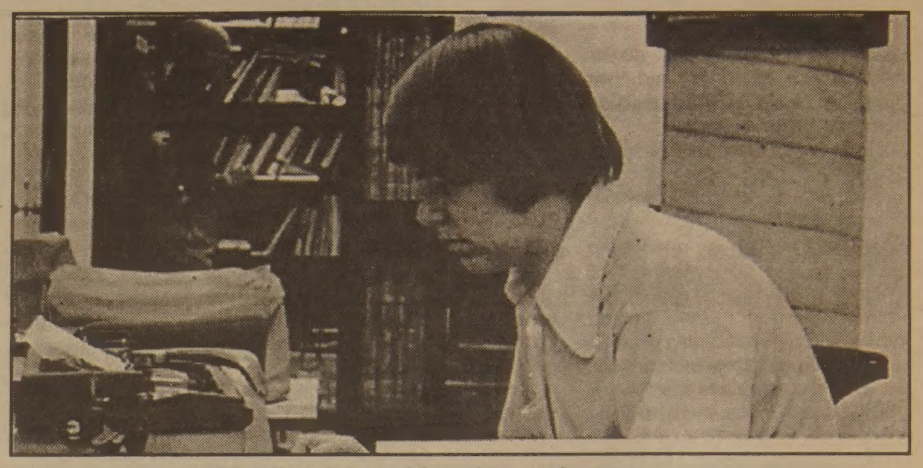
I wish you every success in your future endeavours, and thank you, once again, for sharing our commitment.

Yours sincerely,

Mila P. Mulroney
Honourary Chairsperson
Canadian Cystic Fibrosis Foundation

Niagara News Production in 1974

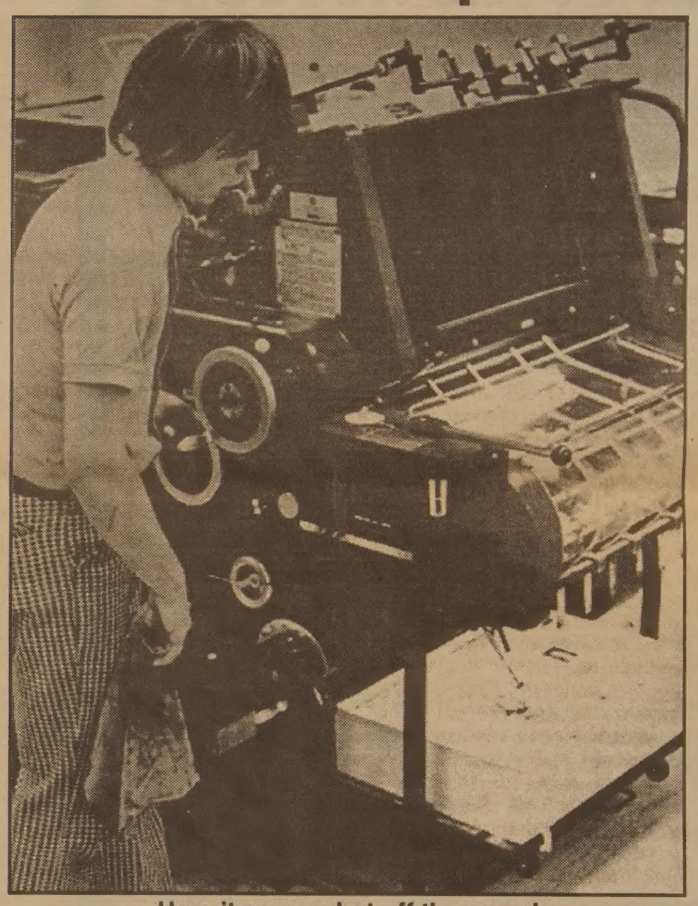
The final folding, counting and delivering.



The first job, writing the stories.

It's a hard job, but somebody has to do it.

Focusing the enlarger.



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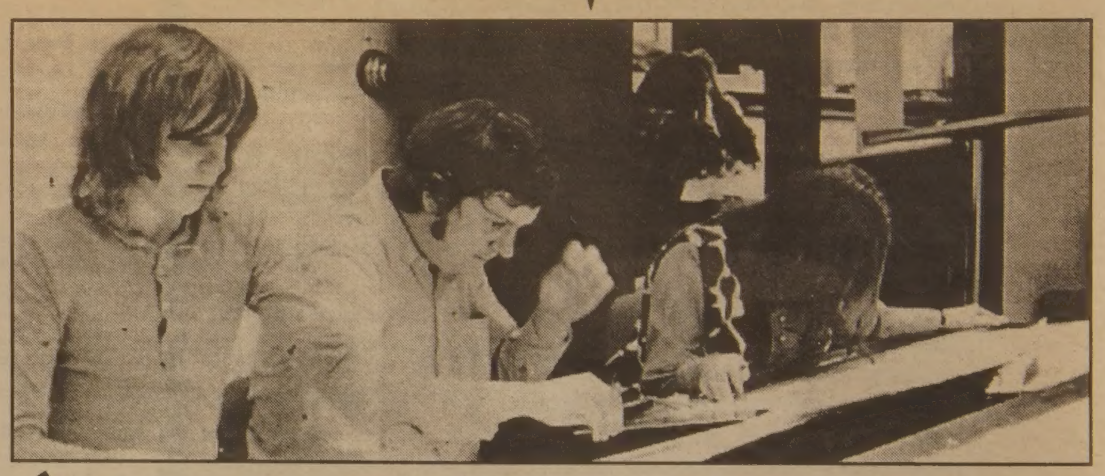

Everyone gets into the action with T-squares and knives on paste-up day.

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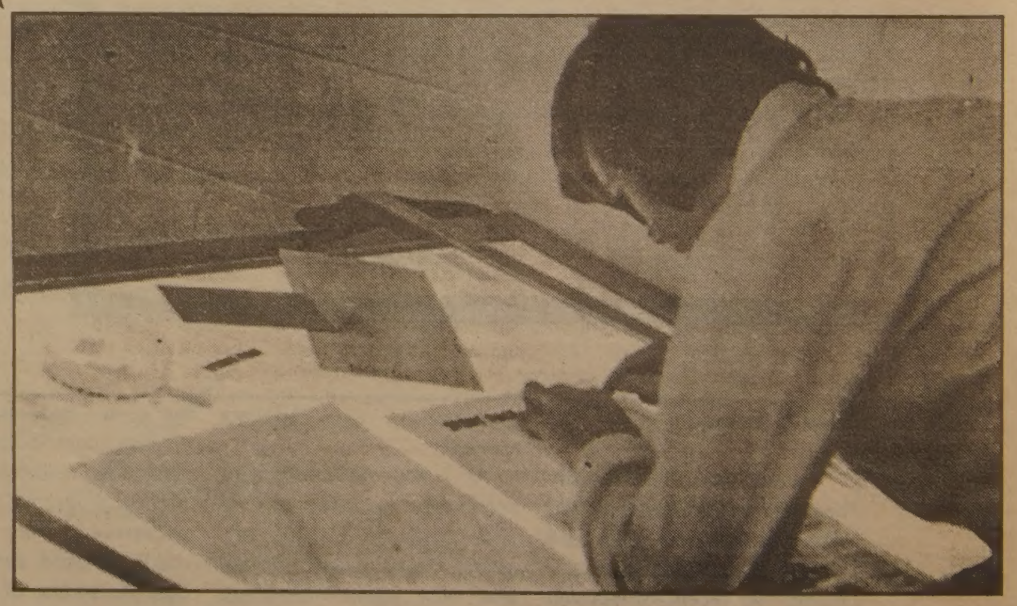


Lining up the sports page on the light table.

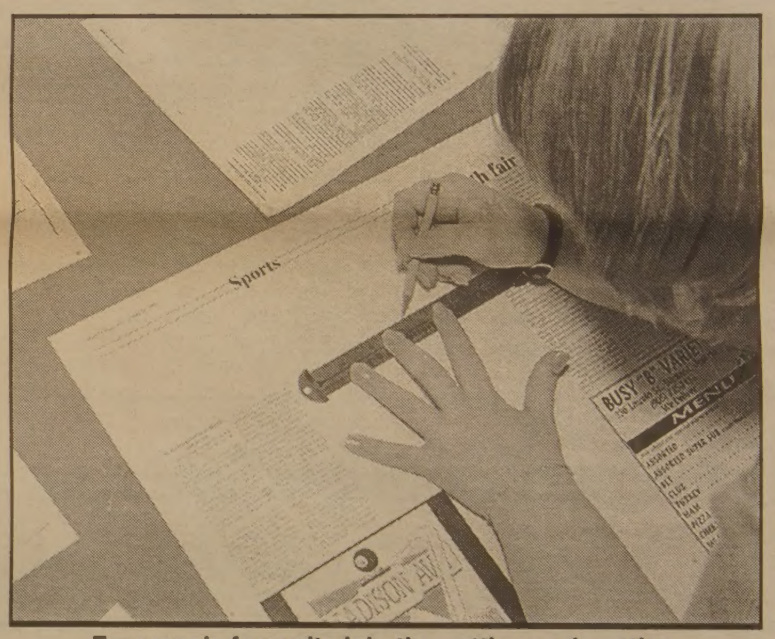
Niagara News Production in 1999

Typing in the stories.

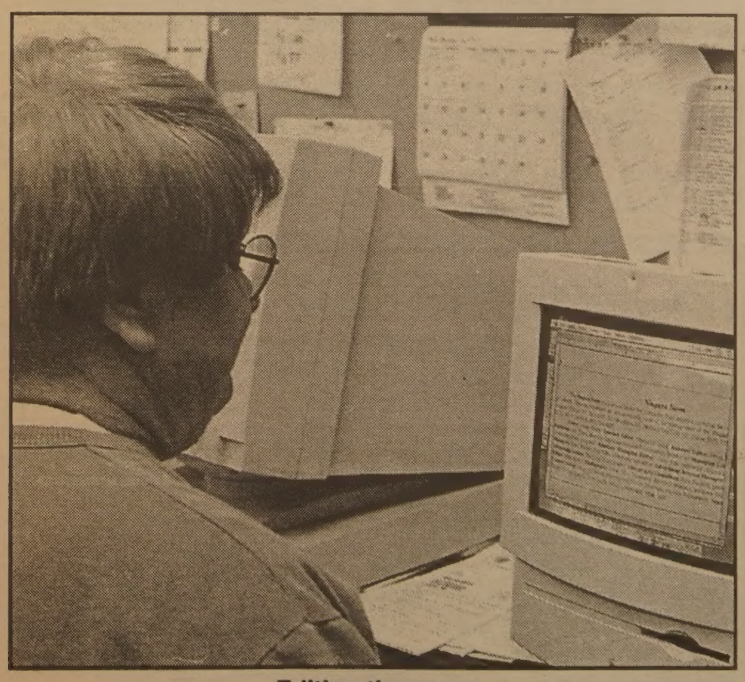
The final product, hot off the presses!

Making the contact sheets.

Some things never change



Everyone's favourite job, the cutting and pasting.



Editing the copy.

Photos by Jodi Gierling & Aaron Beaudoin

Scanning in the photos in Adobe Photoshop.

1979-1980

Increase in demand, Niagara News grows

Demand for copies of the *Niagara News* has brought about an increase in the number which will be printed of each edition.

An additional 1,000 copies of each edition, up from 3,000, will be available for the next two editions, beginning with this one, distributed Dec. 1, and the Christmas Edition appearing Dec. 15. Pick-up of the newspaper from distribution points will be closely monitored to determine if extra copies will be required next term when the *News* goes weekly.

A possible reason for the increased demand is that more copies are being sent to members of college advisory committees, Austin Jelbert, journalism program co-ordinator, said. The *News'* mailing list increases annually as graduates request the newspaper; increased enrolment may also account for the need for more copies.

Most distribution boxes are emptied within two hours of papers being placed in them early on Monday mornings, Mr. Jelbert said.

The Larry Smith Journalism Tuition Award was established last week when Mr. Smith (seated) presented a $1,500 cheque to D.J. Malone, chairman, communication arts. R. Craig Swayze, assistant managing editor, *St. Catharines Standard*, and T.N. Morrison, former managing editor of the *Welland Tribune*, were on-hand for the presentation. Mr. Smith retired as editor-in-chief of the *Standard* and the money was raised as part of his testimonial dinner. The editors and Mr. Malone looked at journalism equipment in the college newsroom.

Photo by Claveau

Busines school acquires new micro-computer lab

The School of Business has a new $45,000 to $50,000 micro-computer lab that will "modernize" the college.

Andrew Ferguson, chairman of the mathematics department, said every course will eventually be effected by the computers.

Jacqueline Robarts, college president, deserves a lot of credit for acquiring the lab. "She sweated blood to get the micro-computer lab," Mr. Ferguson said.

The lab is being used by a business elective, two general business and four business administration classes. The lab will be accessible to all students when adjustments have been made to the computers and they have been secured to tables.

Mr. Ferguson sees a problem in scheduling the lab to make it equally accessible to all students. A schedule will be drawn up, but it will be a trial-and-error attempt to find the best way to allot time on the computers.

The micro-computer lab consists of 15 32K single disk drive machines, three 48K double disk drive machines and a printer.

Canada boycotts Moscow's Olympic games due to the invasion of Afghanistan. "O Canada" is officially adopted as Canada's national anthem.

Strikers set up pickets in pre-dawn darkness

By JOE WALLACE
Staff Writer

The strike by Niagara College support staff is on.

Members of local 243, Ontario Public Services Employees Union (OPSEU) support staff, walked off their jobs early today.

Students and staff arriving at the college this morning were met at the entrances to campuses by pickets.

Support staff members voted 99-17 in favor of striking Jan. 11. Members of support staff locals from across the province voted an estimated 82 per cent in favor of the strike the same day.

Preparations for the strike began early two weeks ago, when strike subcommittee chairmen were selected. Some were appointed, some volunteered, Judy Ventresca, secretary of the union, said.

Last Tuesday, support staff members removed union files from the Simcoe building, and worked on posters later in the week.

Craig McKay, steward for the faculty union, said a sympathy strike is unlikely because there is a "no strike, no lock out" clause in their contract.

The faculty union is "not allowed to go on strike for the period of the contract, and management cannot lock us out," Mr. McKay said.

"The faculty union at this point in time intends to honor its contract, but people will have to decide for themselves."

He said perhaps some faculty may feel "intimidated by a picket line and may feel reluctant to cross it."

NC French courses interest 100 staff

There was an "incredible response" to a French development course for Niagara College staff members, Nicole Vigeant, administrator of French language services, said.

Marcella Therrien, French instructor, surveyed last April and found more than 100 staff members interested in the program, but schedules couldn't be adapted so there are 33 people studying the course at its three levels.

There was a limit of 10 people per class but the numbers were expanded when so many people were interested.

Fifteen people enrolled in French I which is available to those without any knowledge of French, 11 have enrolled in French II for those who studied it up to Grade 12 or 13, and seven enrolled in French III for those who studied French at a university or government program level.

"The size is just right now," she said. A small number of people is suggesting for a conversational atmosphere.

"We are not expecting that many responses," Mlle Vigeant said.

Jaqueline Robarts, college president, said the project is funded by a "50-50 grant" from the ministry of colleges and universities. The ministry pays for half the cost of the teachers and the college pays the other half. The grant terminates in March but can be reapplied for.

The non-credit courses which started Nov. 19, a week late because of the difficulty in setting up a schedule, are being taught Monday to Thursday inclusive by Lucie Cantin. The one hour classes run for five weeks.

Miss Robarts said Jack Spittle, manager of plant and property, A.S. Aboud, director of student services and I.J. Giancarlo, dean of applied arts, are among the college staff members who are taking part in the program.

Mme Therrien will instruct Miss Robarts and her office staff and Dr. Nora McCardell, director of special projects, and her secretary who will be taking the course in January.

"There is no charge to the employee but they are expected to donate half their time and the other half is college time," Miss Robarts said.

Mlle Vigeant said her department received two special requests from other parts of the college for courses in French.

There was a time and transportation problem for interested staff members of Welland Vale campus. There is a possibility of organizing the next session at the centre.

All of the people in college services expressed an interest in taking the course but the department could not let them all go. They have asked if a May-June session could be held for them. "They have guaranteed the money and we have guaranteed the teacher," Mlle Vigeant said. "It won't exclude other people but they will have first chance."

During the week-long break in February, she said a two-day immersion program will be offered to those fitting into the French I or II levels. The program will be open to any staff members but she suggested those who took the first course re-register for the two seven-hour classes.

Congratulations to Niagara News

Congratulations were given to the *Niagara News* for its "positive reporting" of the Student Administrative Council (SAC) by Jacqueline Robarts, Niagara College president, at a Student Advisory Committee meeting, Thursday Nov. 6.

She has sometimes found reporting in the past to be negative, she said, but she was glad that a more positive approach is being taken by the *Niagara News*. She stressed the need for co-operation between SAC and the *Niagara News*.

The Supreme Court recognizes the equal distribution of assets in failed common-law relationships.

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Niagara band finishes first, advances to national finals

By SUSAN POAPS
Staff Writer

The Niagara Jazz Band finishes first in the open community class of the Canadian Stage Band Festival in Hamilton. The win qualifies the band to advance to the national finals to be held in May in Hamilton.

"The competition was tough," Laura Thomas, Niagara conductor, said of the regional finals, held March 6, 7 and 8 at Mohawk College. "McMaster has a really good band." Besides McMaster, Niagara also competed against the Mohawk Monday Night Band and the Southwood Band.

"We played very well," Ms. Thomas said. "We could play better which is encouraging to know."

Stan Szymkow practises for the national finals. Photo by Bruni

The band received high scores ranging from 92-plus to 99. The selections they played were My Man Bill by Rob McConnell, Backbacon Blues by Ian McDougal, both Canadian composers, and *A Little Minor Booze* by Willie Maiden from the library of Stan Kenton.

The rhythm section made up of John Sherwood on piano, Warren Stirtzinger on bass and Ernie Porthouse on drums were "excellent." Mr. Thomas said the rhythm section got "a lot of comments from the adjudicators on the sensitivity and musicality in which they played."

Ms. Thomas commented on how well the soloists performed, stressing they played well. The soloists include John on piano, Warren on guitar, Greg Noble on trumpet, Stan Szymkow on tenor sax, Garnet Hicks on trombone and Glen Hicks on alto sax.

Prior to the stage band festival, the jazz band performed for the Celebrate Canada Festival held at the college Feb. 18 and 19. They performed songs from Glenn Miller, Count Basie and Sammy Nestico to a growing crowd in the Tecumseh foyer Feb. 18.

The sound of music filled the halls in the evening and the crowd kept growing as visitors to the college and regular night school students took a break and listened to *String of Pearls, It's a Wonderful World, Dirty Old Man, Bathtub Boogie* and many more.

Ms. Thomas said their next concert is scheduled for April 19 at Centennial High School in Welland.

Niagara student, 2 teens killed in train collision

A Niagara College student and two other teenagers were killed when their pickup truck collided with a train on Netherby Road on the outskirts of Welland.

Police identified the victims as Paul Ellis, 18, of Waterloo, an air conditioning and refrigeration student; James Clare, 19, and Michael Edwards, 18, both of Welland.

Police said the truck collided with the seventh car of a slow-moving Conrail train last Monday night. The signal lights at the crossing were in operation.

Terry Fox dies in the middle of his cross-country Marathon of Hope.

RTV film footage may contain death investigation information

By CARMEN LEGER
Staff Writer

Niagara Regional Police have requested film footage shot by Radio and Television (RTV) students in connection with the investigation of a death in Niagara Falls.

The body of Linda Shegog, of 80 Butler St., Buffalo, N.Y., was found near the Laura Secord monument, Queenston Heights, Dec. 6, the day after students were filming footage on Bridge Street. During the term some students have been working on a film about prostitution in Niagara Falls.

Inspector Alan Barlow, in charge of the investigation, said "post mortem findings reveal Miss Shegog may have died of natural causes, or toxicological causes," (These would include poison, drugs and others.)

MORE TESTS

Further tests are being made at the forensic science laboratories in Toronto.

Inspector Barlow said police believe the victim's body may have been dropped at Queenston Heights.

"There is a possibility she was on Bridge Street Saturday night," he said.

Paul Davoud, RTV instructor, said students have been working on a film about Niagara Falls citizens who are upset about prostitutes coming over from Buffalo to work in the Bridge Street area.

"By accident, we had a crew out shooting on Bridge Street Saturday night in conjunction with the project," he said.

Due to the danger involved, Mr. Davoud emphasized that "the filming is over — we will have no more involvement in it."

Despite taking precautionary measures, such as having "one guy shoot while another watches," the students have had tense moments while trying to film the area.

One night, a student was approached by a big man who demanded to know what the student was doing, Mr. Davoud said.

The students wanted footage of the area to complete a project in which the mayor, the police, ministers and citizens have been interviewed concerning the Bridge Street issue.

Journalism student works for CFL's Hamilton Tiger-Cats

By RAYMOND DEJONG
Staff Writer

If you hang around somewhere long enough and constantly bother people, chances are they will tell you where to go in no uncertain terms. Luckily for a first-year journalism student, he was told to go to the Hamilton Tiger-Cats dressing room.

No, Niagara College isn't graced with a professional football player but the school does have the person responsible for making things proceed smoothly during Canadian Football League (CFL) games in Hamilton.

Jerry Zahachewsky, 20, arrives at Ivor Wynne Stadium two hours prior to game time to prepare equipment players will need during a game. Jerry is responsible for providing Ticat players with towels, raincoats, waterbottles, kicking tees and the all-important footballs.

WORKS END ZONES

As part of CFL field staff he is also responsible for catching field goals and points-after touchdown attempts.

During the summer, Jerry, who lives a "10-second walk" from Ivor Wynne Stadium, spent as much time as he could around stadium officials.

"I continuously asked Ticat personnel for a job," Jerry said. "They said they'd keep me in mind and last July I got the job."

Although the job doesn't not pay very well, it is not without its rewards. Besides having a front row seat to watch a game, Jerry is often able to obtain free tickets for Ticat games. As a result people are always asking him for "freebies." He says he'll always try to accommodate demands.

"If tickets are available I'll be more than happy to hand them over," Jerry said. "All I can do is try to get them."

MEETS TEAMS

Another benefit of the job is that he gets to meet opposition teams. Although he works for Hamilton Ticats, his loyalty stops whenever the Edmonton Eskimos come to town. Edmonton is his favourite team and Dan Kepley, that team's linebacker, is his favourite player.

"Dan Kepley is only about as tall as I am," Jerry said. "I'm amazed anyone his size can play professional football, much less be the best defensive player in the CFL."

Jerry, a graduate of Scott Park High School in Hamilton, hopes Niagara College Journalism-Print will help him become a sports-writer. With CFL playoffs just around the corner, he predicts Edmonton will meet Hamilton in the Grey Cup game, with the Eskimos beating the Ticats by "at least 20 points."

SAC gets 50 to 75 per cent pay raise

The Student Administrative Council (SAC) executive voted in favour of a 50 and 75 per cent increase in their honouraríums, Anne Sutherland, SAC president, said.

Honouraríums, money given to the SAC executive for their efforts in governing the student body, are distributed bimonthly for the eight months SAC is in power.

The president's honouraríums was increased 75 per cent from $1,000 to $1,700. It had not been raised since its inception in 1971, Anne said.

The honouraríums for the executive were increased by 50 per cent to $960 for eight months.

Success smiles on graduate

Chris Holland, a graduate of the Niagara College journalism program, has been appointed news editor of the *Weyburn Review*.

A native of Winona, Mr. Holland has been a member of the paper's news staff for about two years; before that he was news editor of the Norwich, Ont., *Gazette*.

He worked for two years in Renfrew, Ont., before going west where he worked on the *Weyburn Review*.

After graduating from Niagara, Mr. Holland attended Brock University where he earned a degree in English.

Don McCahill, a Niagara journalism graduate, has started a new weekly paper in Gravelbourg, Sask. *The Gazette* is the third paper he has launched. The first was a high school newspaper and the second the *Thedford Tribune*.

Chef instructor wins mastery of culinary arts award

The highest achievement a chef can receive in Canada was obtained by Dominic Diodati, a chef instructor at the Rainbow Hotel Centre in Niagara Falls.

Mr. Diodati, who was presented with the master of culinary arts diploma and medal at the Four Seasons Hotel in Toronto, said he was very proud to have received this award.

"Years ago chefs had nothing to shoot for, but now there are all kinds of incentives to strive for."

The examining body which consists of seven top chefs in Ontario of the Escoffier Society (a chefs' organization in Toronto) compiled a list of objectives for all entrants to meet.

The Escoffier Society sent out applications to chefs all over Ontario who they thought could meet the requirements. Each chef had to fill out a form stating how many years they have been in the culinary industry, how many apprentices they had trained, and how many and what restaurants and hotels they have worked to qualify for the award.

Thirty-nine chefs from Ontario received this award, Mr. Diodati said. Mr. Diodati and Karl Gehriger, executive chef of the Niagara Parks Commission, were the only recipients from the Niagara Region.

1983-1984

Mediator to meet with union Sunday, expects round-the-clock discussions

Negotiators for Ontario's community colleges and faculty will return to the bargaining table Sunday and probably meet around the clock in an attempt to avert a strike, a union spokesman said at press time yesterday.

The *Canadian Press* quoted Katie FitzRandolph as saying mediated talks between the Ontario Public Service Employees Union and the Ontario Council of Regents will resume in Toronto.

The college presidents were notified by the Council of Regents late Wednesday afternoon that it had received notification of a strike from the union. Notification must be given at least five days before a strike is to begin.

Citing breaches in protocol, faculty union negotiators have refused to renew negotiations to stave off a strike Oct. 17, which would take 750,000 full and part-time students out of Ontario's 22 community colleges.

A *Canadian Press* report quoted Katie FitzRandolph, Ontario Public Service Employees Union public relations officer, as accusing the Council of Regents of playing games. She criticized the action of the chief negotiator for the council for sending a Telex to union offices on a Friday afternoon (Oct. 6) before a long weekend in an attempt to renew negotiations.

Ian McArdle, chief negotiator for the council, said he sent a Telex inviting the instructors' representatives to resume talks after hearing Graeme McKechnie, a York University professor, would not be available Wednesday (Oct. 10) when negotiations were expected to resume for two days, the *Globe and Mail* said.

"We made the proposal in the interests of getting back together, saying we would be prepared to meet with or without the negotiator," Mr. McArdle said.

Ron Kelly, chairman of the bargaining team, representing the 7,600 instructors, said: "The right and proper thing to do is to bargain through the mediator. You can't bypass the man who has been appointed to help the parties, and it appears that is what they are trying to do." He, too, was quoted by the *Canadian Press.*

REFUSED OFFER

The union negotiating team refused to receive an offer from the council through the mediator after negotiations had broken off Sept. 25 in the first day of a two-day negotiating period. That offer was to withdraw from the council's position on changes in the workload, which the union said was the major issue in negotiations. The union negotiating team again cited protocol for refusing to look at the offer since negotiations had broken off minutes before.

The latest invitation to renew negotiations (Oct. 6) was sent to the union's office by Telex and by courier to the home of the chief union negotiator. A news release was issued at the same time.

9 to 5

Mr. McArdle told a *Globe and Mail* reporter he was not responsible if union staff were not in the office on a working day. A telephone switchboard operator at the union offices said OPSEU office hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. during weekdays.

Mr. Kelly charged the Ministry of Colleges and Universities, represented by the Council of Regents in the bargaining, "of resorting to the news media to communicate with us."

The union represents college librarians and counsellors in addition to instructors.

Enrolment at the colleges is 120,000 full-time students and 630,000 students in part time studies.

The original offer from the Council of Regents rejected by the union membership by 78 per cent across the province offered a five per cent wage increase and wanted removal of the number of hours an instructor would teach in a week but did not increase the maximum number of hours a teacher would be in class each year. Instructors teach 19 hours per week under the last contract.

STATUS QUO

The offer by the Council of Regents, which the union refused to look at late in September would have restored the status quo on hours. The information was passed to the union membership by college presidents when the union negotiating team refused to consider it.

The union countered with charges of bargaining in bad faith by the council and said the wage offered had been reduced to three per cent from five and raised other issues such as a sick-leave buy-out which had not been included in any objections passed to the union membership.

NASTY COMMENT

A letter from Jacqueline Robarts, Niagara College president, said the council withdrew any changes in workload and that the wage increase ranged from three per cent to just under 10 per cent for some others.

Some instructors were reported to have returned the letter to Miss Robarts with nasty comments.

The average wage of community college instructors is $39,000. Instructors at the top of the pay scale earn $45,000.

In later statements, the union said the issue was not salary. Mr. Kelly said the main issue is quality of education which has suffered as a result of spending cuts over the last five years. Earlier the union had said changes in the workload was one major issue.

$3-million shop expansion trains future's skilled workers

By JANE STIRLING
Staff Writer

One theme ran through the opening ceremonies of Niagara College's $3 million expansion of the machine and welding shops at Welland Vale — the training of skilled workers for the future.

Jacqueline Robarts, Niagara College president, said the expanded facilities will meet the needs for skilled tradespeople in the area. People will be able to get their training here instead of leaving to take courses at other colleges, she said. The opening ceremonies at the Resource Centre for Skill Development were held Sept. 16.

Mayor Roy Adams of St. Catharines said the new facilities will provide technical training for those who want retraining or who are entering the workforce "today in the world of high technology."

With the help of $1.6 million from the government of Ontario, Niagara College expanded its 15-station machine shop to one with 60 stations. The funding started four years ago and the shop can now handle 120 students.

AT 75 PER CENT CAPACITY

In the welding shop, the college was awarded $1.36 million from the federal government. The expansion started last January and the shop is already being used at 75 per cent of its capacity. There are 80 student stations now that can handle 220 people.

The machine and welding shops are in use 15 hours a day, including weekends.

With an extra shift operating, the facilities could use 500 people.

"With the economic downturn it is not necessary to train for 24 hours but we are prepared to, when the need arises," Robarts said.

The traded teaching will take precedence over the non-technical areas at the Welland Vale campus and eventually, these other programs will be moved to other campuses, she said.

Miss Robarts emphasized that the expansion of the facilities could not have occurred without the help from the two levels of government and assistance from local businesses and industries.

PLACEMENT GOOD

Both programs have good placement levels, Miss Robarts said. In the machine shop, before the recession, there was 98 per cent placement. "We couldn't get people to finish the course," Art Gill, co-ordinator of the machining program, said. "Companies would hire students before they had finished the course."

Since January, 60 of the 80 students who started in the machine shop have been recalled to work, Mr. Gill said.

George Kovacs, manager of the welding program, said high technology is becoming more and more important. His program will be moving into robotics application.

The opening of the facilities marked the achievement of the fourth phase in technical development for Niagara College. The fourth phase involves the move from basic equipment to high technology.

Librarian wins award

Stephen Kees, chief librarian, has been awarded the Distinguished Service Award by the Special Libraries Association (SLA).

The award is presented annually to a person who has made outstanding personal contributions to librarianship and to the association. Mr. Kees has been active in the SLA for 24 years and has served on many committees and task forces. The presentation was made at the University of Rochester in May.

Mr. Kees, born in Beckenham, England, lives in Fenwick. He received the Library Association Fellowship at the University of London School of Librarianship in 1948. He held several positions in England then moved to Canada in 1957. He worked for the Toronto Public System before moving to the Niagara area as a research librarian for the Ontario Paper Company in Thorold. He was appointed chief librarian of Niagara College in 1967.

Government students may meet Trudeau

Any students who are taking a government class as part of their program are eligible for a trip to Ottawa this week and an opportunity to meet Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau, Karen Moreau, politics instructor, said.

A bus will leave the college Wednesday (Nov. 2).

A meeting will be held tomorrow at 12:10 in Room S212 to tell students what to take to Ottawa and how they should dress.

Many activities are planned, Miss Moreau said, including a bus tour of Rockcliffe Park, a trip to RCMP stables and headquarters, and of course a trip to the Parliament Buildings to watch the morning debates and meet the prime minister. The students will return to Hennepin Hall on Nov. 5 at 8:30 p.m.

New computer system modernizes library technician program

The Niagara College library technician program has a new addition — an IBM computer system.

The system, recommended to the program by the University of Toronto Library Automated Systems, is "the most modern technology available today," Bob Bowman, program co-ordinator, said. He is "very excited" about its possibilities.

Mr. Bowman said that while the computer system itself has many uses including: inter-library loans, "interfacing" distant data bases receiving cataloging information and environmental studies, the students will, at present, use it for basic microprocessing. He also hopes some day to catalogue all the books and reference materials in the classroom.

The IBM computer, which replaces an older Texas Instruments computer previously in the program, is a "vast store of information," and Mr. Bowman hopes it will have a "positive" effect on the program.

1985-1986

Eighty-one per cent of graduates find employment

By BLAIR CARR
Staff Writer

Eighty-one per cent of graduates (701of 863) found full-time jobs in their fields, and another 7.1 per cent (61) found full-time work in other areas. Statistics, compiled Dec. 31, 1986, show 1,005 total graduates and 863 of these were available for work.

Courses with good related work placement rates were: hotel restaurant administration (100 per cent with 28 grads), early childhood education (94 per cent, 35 or 37) and nursing (93.5 per cent, 87 of 93).

Using the figure of 103 nursing graduates as an example, Mr. Anderson said, "It's a big school — by the same token placement rates are pretty good."

Law and security was the one bleak spot with only 38 per cent (19 of 49) of graduates finding jobs related to police work.

However, Mr. Anderson does not recommend or discourage programs based on placement statistics.

"You should take a program because you like it and are going to be successful."

"There is always somebody who is going to get a job in the field." but there are likely to be more students in programs where job placement is lower, Mr. Anderson said.

Not all courses turned out as many graduates as LASA and therefore eliminated those unfit for work prior to graduation. A course such as interior design had 100 per cent placement with only one graduate of a possible 11 available for work.

"It all boils down to the individual," Mr. Anderson, a placement officer for 18 years, said. "It's like bottling wine. Some years you have vintage years (with intelligent individuals) and others you don't."

Information is obtained by Mr. Anderson and Shirley Roberto at the placement office by phone calls and questionnaires. Data is used by the college and the Ministry of Colleges and Universities.

Job placement according to schools was: applied arts and health sciences, 80 per cent; applied science and technology, and business, 82 per cent.

Regardless of whether graduates get related jobs in their field, Mr. Anderson stressed the importance of having a college education to prosper in the work force.

Muloney and U.S. President Ronald Reagan declare mutual support for orbital Strategic Defense Initiatives (Star Wars) and Free Trade at the Shamrock Summit in Quebec City.

Real-life hero

Rick Hanson was fighting a cold November wind on his way to Niagara Falls Nov. 14. He is on the last leg of his Man in Motion tour, a 40,073-kilometre odyssey around the world to raise money for spinal cord research. Rick has already travelled through 34 countries and hopes to raise $10 million. The steep incline after Thorold tunnel slowed Rick down just enough to get his picture.

Photo by Doug Ives

Robotics

A second pitch to provincial government is in the planning stages for a computerized robotic system priced at nearly $1 million, Nick Ciolfi, program co-ordinator, mechanical technology, said.

The system, known as a Flexible Manufacturing Centre (FMC), is an advanced programmable computer twinned with multiple robotic arms capable of a variety of tasks demonstrating the potential of automated production facilities, Mr. Ciolfi said.

The principles of the FMC are applied by Seiko in the manufacturing of watches from the initial stage of design to the shipping of the finished product. The substitution of automated devices for human labor translates into lower costs of production, making the finished products less expensive and competitive in the marketplace.

Envisaging the FMC as the wave of the future convinced the mechanical technology department at Niagara College to make an application for it last year, Mr. Ciolfi said.

The system received two levels of approval from the provincial government before the Liberal government took over, Mr. Ciolfi said. A less expensive proposal is being drafted by the mechanical technology department in the hope of expediting stalled negotiations.

Niagara, challenge for new librarian

atricia Labonte has travelled far to be the new head librarian at Niagara College. Although she is originally from Fonthill. she was living in British Columbia when she accepted the post.

Mrs. Labonte feels that working at Niagara College is a "good challenge," and that she works with "super staff." "The faculty has been very receptive," she said.

Her position is mainly an administrative one which includes budgeting, working with the staff, and any internal problems that may arise. Mrs. Labonte, 35, is married and has two children. She says she has always wanted to be a librarian and feels that the people here have been very positive toward her.

Mrs. Labonte moved out west

PATRICIA LABONTE

after graduating from Brock University in 1972 with a Bachelor of Science degree in geology. She then attended the University of British Columbia where she got her Master of Library Sciences degree.

For three years she worked for Cominco Ltd., a mining company. She then moved on to work for the British Columbia Institute of Technology as co-ordinator of public services for eight years.

While at the Institute, she set up a business with a partner, working part time in her home as an information consultant. The job provided companies with information they couldn't access themselves because they could not get into information banks and they needed research done.

When she came to the college, she didn't want to lose contact with the students so she spends some of her available time among the students helping them in any way she can.

Angry student takes car license

By JOE McCARTHY
Staff Writer

Some people misplace the darndest things. Chances are though, that you have never heard of someone's license plates going for a walk into the registrar's office.

An exasperated student, whose properly parked car was blocked in by one improperly parked, removed the license plates from the offending car and marched into the registrars office, placed them on the counter and left the scene. The person who removed the plates remains unidentified.

A staff member from the registrar's office forwarded the plates to the office of property and plant services, where a phone call traced the name and address of the owner.

The young woman, whose car license plates were now in Hennepin Hall, proceeded to drive home. While stopped for a traffic light, she was approached by the people waiting behind her at the light. They notified her that her car license plates were missing.

"The plates have been claimed by the owner," Jack Spittle, manager of property and plant services, said.

Staff Sgt. Lightfoot, Welland Detachment, Niagara Regional Police, said, "No one may touch or remove something from another person's property. It technically constitutes a theft. It was a foolish act, even if there was no criminal intent."

Graduate wins Miss Canada

Tina May Simpson has always done things in a big way and her performance in the 1986 Miss Canada Pageant Oct. 27 was no exception. The 23-year-old Niagara College graduate was crowned Miss Canada.

Tina May graduated from the Mack Centre of Nursing in June 1985 in the top quarter of her class, second-year nursing coordinator Linda Willms said.

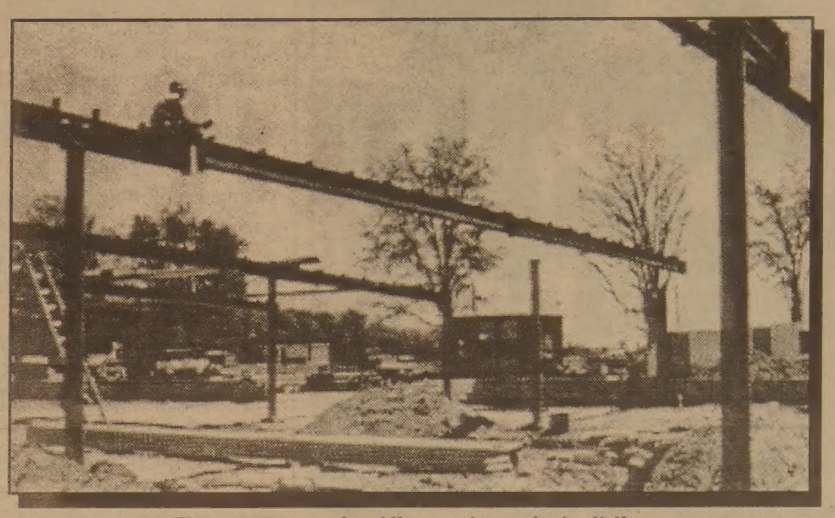
Tina May is now working as a pharmaceutical representative for Mead Johnson and is working part-time towards her master's degree in business administration at Brock University.

The St. Catharines beauty was "exceptionally good in terms of fulfilling her demands as a student" and always did things that were "beyond the call of duty," Miss Willms said.

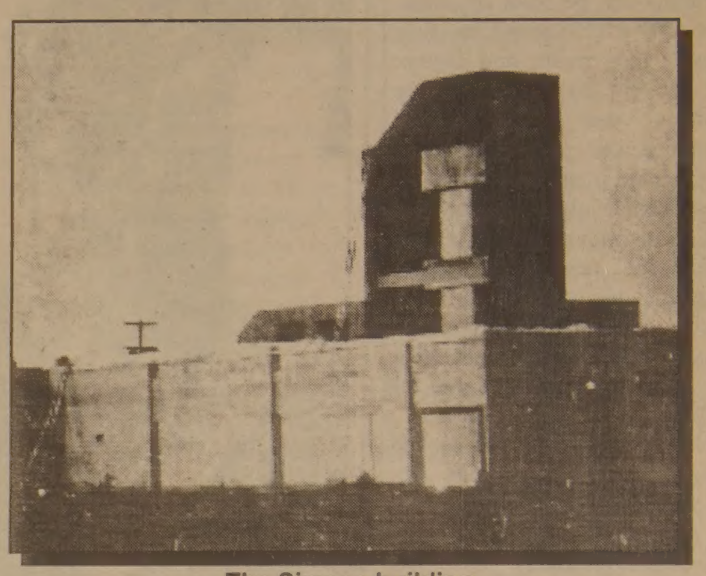
Tina May's modeling teacher, Geoffrey Chapman, of Niagara Falls, said, Tina May is "very intelligent" and she remained "very well-composed when she won the title. Mr. Chapman has been teaching Tina May modeling for almost a year at Geoffrey Complete Success Models in Niagara Falls.

Tina May is interested in reading and skiing and is involved with the Big Sisters Association.

Niagara rising



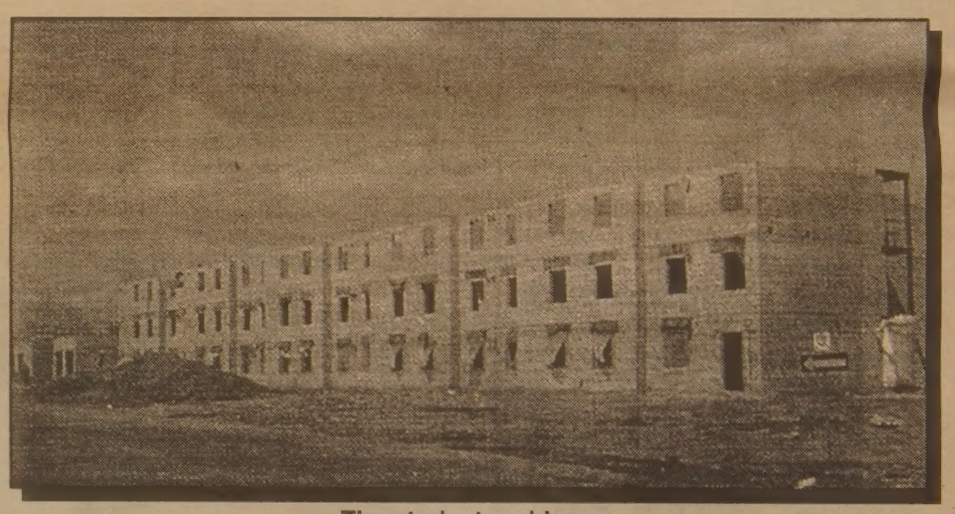
The structure for Niagara's main building.



The Simcoe building.

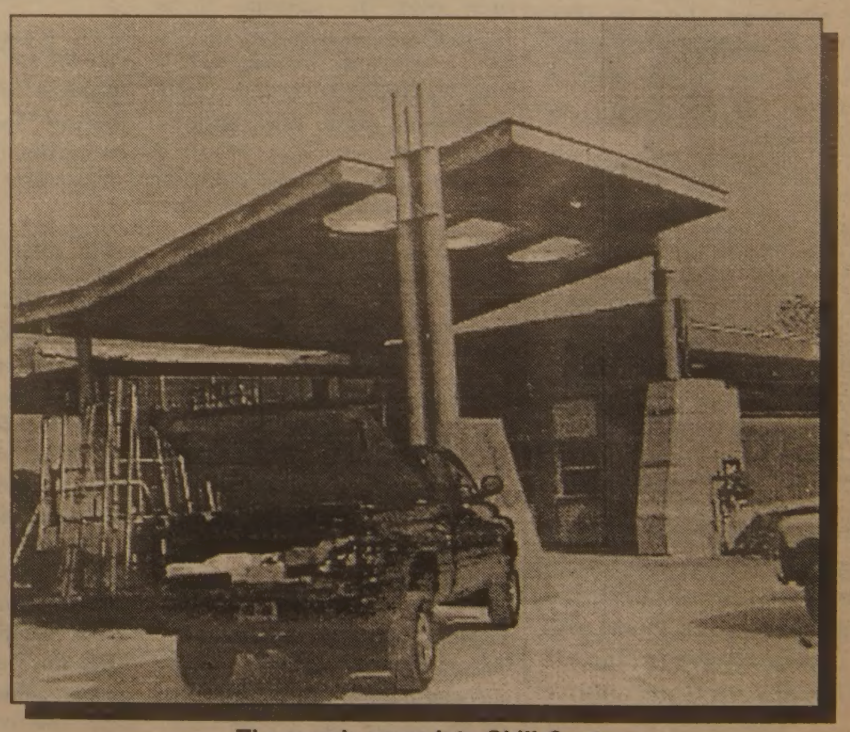
Construction on the Student Administrative Council building.

Welland campus



The student residence.

Laying the forms for the Motive Skill Centre.



The nearly complete Skill Centre.

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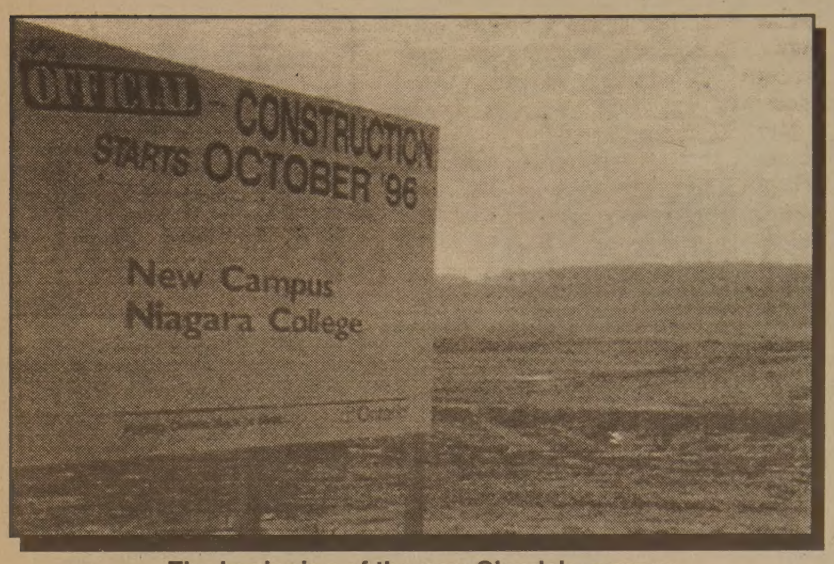
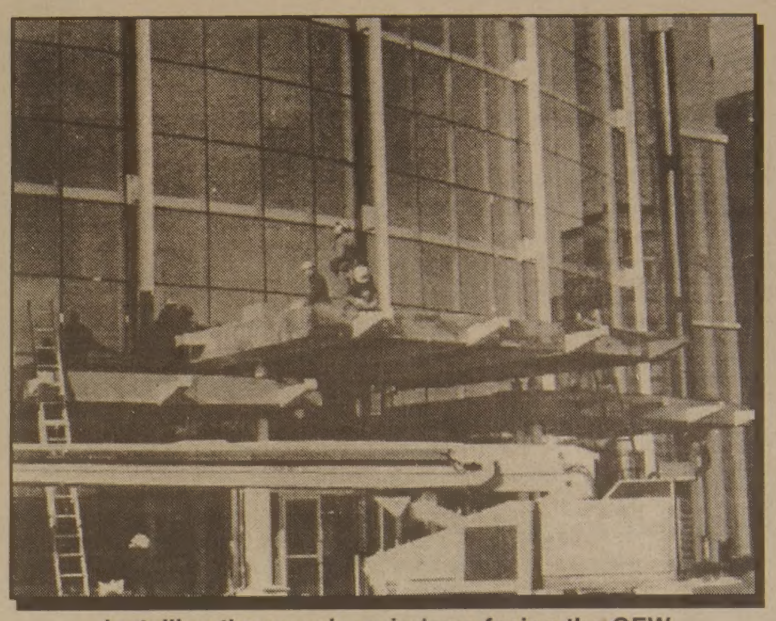
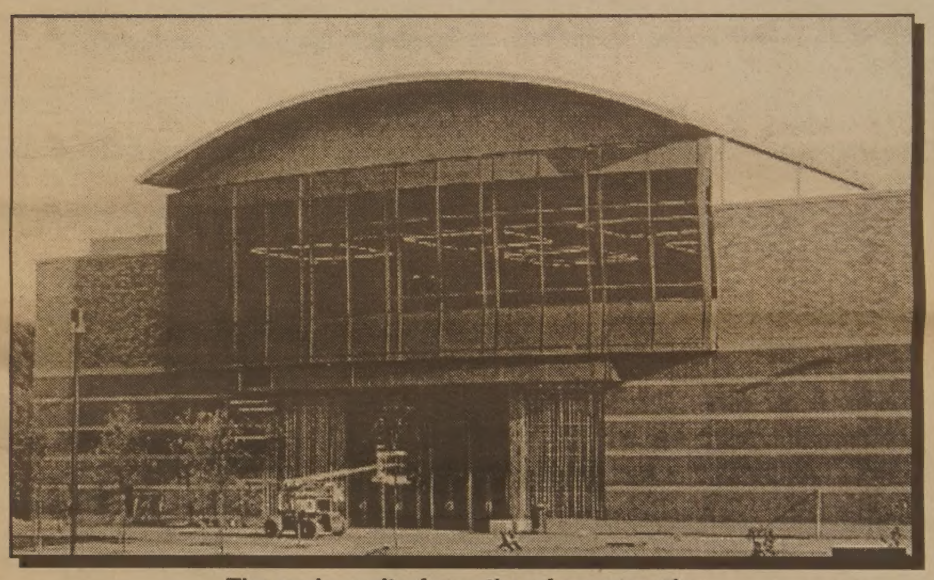


The beginning of the new Glendale campus.



Installing the massive windows facing the QEW.

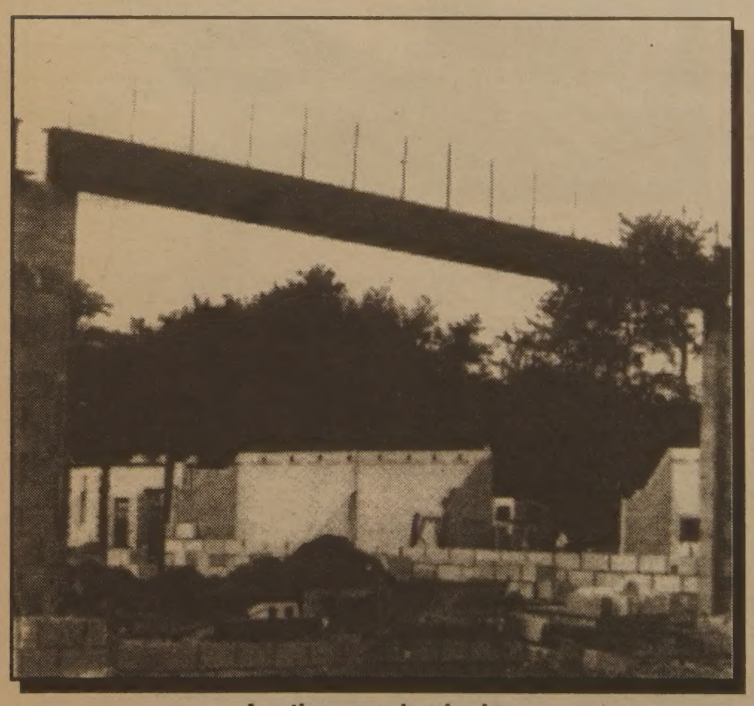
Glendale campus



The end result of months of construction.

Taking a break for a photo opportunity.

Maid of the Mist campus



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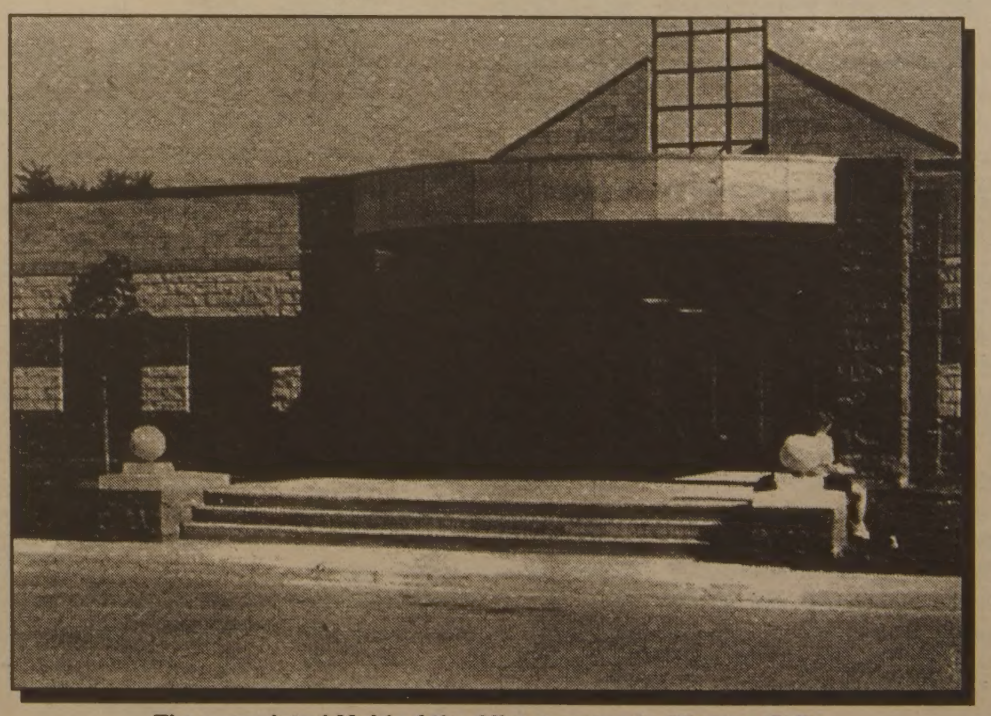


The completed Maid-of-the-Mist campus in Niagara Falls.

1987-1988

A. S. Tony Manera becomes CBC's senior vice-president

By MAUREEN MARTIN
Staff Writer

A.S. (Tony) Manera, former Niagara College president, was appointed senior vice-president of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation in Ottawa last December.

Mr. Manera, then 31, was the youngest person ever to head an Ontario community college. He served from 1972 to 1978.

He was appointed to his new position at the CBC after 20 months as CBC's vice-president of human resources. He is in charge of vice-presidents of such areas as engineering, law, human resources and finance. He reports directly to Pierre Juneau, CBC president.

In 1978, Mr. Manera left Niagara to become president of Vancouver Community College.

He joined the CBC in 1985.

Mr. Manera, 46, said the transition from college president to CBC vice-president was not difficult. "The fundamental issues are not all that different although the nature of the product is different."

PROBLEMS SIMILAR

"The problems in public organizations are not all that different from colleges," he said. Administration has to deal with people, financial problems and trying to "reconcile public expectations and available resources."

Working at the CBC is "very exciting." The organization "reflects Canada — all the excitement and problems of the nation."

Looking back at his time at Niagara College, he said the high point was "getting faculty and students pulling in the same direction" towards common goals.

Mr. Manera moved from colleges to a major corporation because he "felt the time was right for a change."

His associations with "change" have led to success — for Niagara College, while he was here, and now for himself.

Dig into those wallets

Could this be Niagara College's future? If the parking problems continue as they are Niagara College could have paid parking with kiosks such as the ones that are at Brock University. A solution must be found and soon.

Photo by Phil Beatty

Teacher as board member may be 'conflict of interest': Chair

A teacher on the Board of Governors could give rise to "a conflict of interest," F. William Ford, board chairman, said at the Oct. 20 meeting.

Replying to a question from internal member David Abraham who had asked whether this would constitute a conflict of interest, Mr. Ford said he understood this was the position of the Council of Regents, the governing body of the community colleges.

A paper from the council entitled Statutory Requirements and Guidelines on Conflicts of Interests and Roles was presented to an administrative affairs committee meeting of the board Oct. 8.

Minutes of the meeting said, "It was noted that it may be difficult for internal board members not to 'act as spokespersons for, or delegates of, any interest group.' Since this could present a dichotomy, it was suggested the council be asked how boards should interpret this paragraph. During the ensuing discussion, committee members emphasized that a governor's position on the board supersedes any other position and his/her primary responsibility is to the college and not to any interest group. It was suggested that the onus should be on the individual representing a particular constituency to decide whether he/she is in a conflict of interest."

DOESN'T AGREE

Mr. Abraham, who is also a faculty member, said in an interview that he did not agree with Mr. Ford's view on the subject. He is aware of a "potential problem" but said he felt that a teacher on the board would be beneficial because of first-hand classroom experience. "There is a definite advantage to it."

Mr. Abraham said he felt the board's philosophic point of view and an incident involving a conflict of interest in the past may be the reason for their stand.

He added that future problems in this area can be avoided if the issue is discussed and guidelines are established.

As an internal board member, Mr. Abraham sits in on board meetings but does not have a vote.

College tuition increases 4.5 per cent as does ministry funding

Tuition fees at Ontario colleges and universities will increase at least 4.5 per cent next year, Lyn Mcleod, minister of colleges and universities, said.

Such an increase would mean basic tuition fees at Niagara of about $648, instead of this year's $620, John Parret, registrar, said.

The increase is "consistent" with the policy of the Ontario government over the past four or five years, a policy of keeping pace with inflation, he said.

The minister announced funding increases for colleges and universities of 4.5 per cent in 1988-89, with additional, smaller amounts for special programs, hiring additional teachers and to cover an expected five-per cent increase in enrolment.

6 PER CENT TO COLLEGES

The overall increase for universities will amount to 6.7 per cent or $97.5 million, to a total of $1.5 billion; for colleges six per cent, or $37.3 million, to a total of $661 million.

Mrs. Mcleod's announcement of provincial funding for post-secondary institutions was the first in a series by ministers that was followed by the general announcement of provincial transfer payments to colleges, universities, school boards, hospitals and municipalities made last Wednesday by Treasurer Robert Nixon.

Bob Rae, leader of the official opposition, the New Democrats, and Conservative education critic Cam Jackson objected that the announcement actually amounts to a decrease in basic funding.

"The basic appropriation . . . has to be higher than the rate of inflation," Mr. Rae said.

Edward Monhan, executive director of the Council of Ontario Universities, said in an interview the funding "is less than necessary to maintain what we were doing last year, and take care of increased enrolment this year."

WINNERS!!!

MARK NELSON AND TOM PEAT

Best in province

They've done it again!

Tom Peat and Mark Nelson have defeated their rival opponents in men's doubles — for the third consecutive year — to win the provincial championships in badminton.

"They really asserted their dominance," coach David Carpenter said. "They literally walked through everybody."

Tom and Mark won sets against six teams, playing the finals against their rivals from Mohawk College, Boris Chieu and Richard Cheung.

"They proved they were the best in the province," David said.

The team travels to the nationals in Edmonton in March 24-28 to defend its national title; David was chosen to coach all Ontario college teams that include three double teams, and two singles.

Colin Reid placed fifth in men's singles and Shawn Evans, also in men's singles, won a bronze medal. "They played very, very well for their first year in the provincials," David said.

The provincials were held at Centennial College in Toronto Feb. 27-28.

1989-1990

Debt 'manageable'

By ROBERT FINLAY
Staff Reporter

Niagara College continues to struggle under a debt load going into the fall semester of 1990 — a debt load that college officials are predicting will only worsen. Ironically, students at Niagara College can expect a positive side-effect of this fiscal crisis in the form of renewed efforts by administration and faculty to help students succeed, and, therefore, stay, at Niagara.

While the financial situation at the end of March 1990 was not as dire as was expected, Niagara College is running $298,000 in the red. College officials are forecasting the debt will increase to almost $1 million by the end of the 1990-91 academic year.

Hans van der Slagt, vice-president of student and administration operations, said that while the debt is a "manageable financial problem," the real problem lies with the amount of funding provided by the province — one of the factors that led to the faculty strike last year.

Mr. van der Slagt said administration and faculty are committed to helping students as part of an overall plan to improve the college's finances.

NO BARRIERS

"We want to insure that every student enrolled here can succeed in the program of their choice," he said. "We want to remove any barriers there may be to reaching their goal." This effort will increase enrolment and consequently secure improved provincial funding.

Mr. van der Slagt said that while the college is in the midst of trying to balance its budget, cost-cutting measures will not affect students in the form of program cancellations or other major steps.

Although student enrolment at Niagara College is up 10 per cent this year over the same time last year, provincial funding is based on the average number of students attending college throughout Ontario. Mr. van der Slagt said low enrolment has historically been a problem at Niagara, where the student population has grown at levels below the provincial average. Helping students remain at Niagara will eventually benefit the students as well as raise the rate of provincial funds that flows into the college, he said.

Ground broken for new student centre

The official groundbreaking ceremony for the long-awaited student centre was held last Thursday at 12:30 p.m.

Under a makeshift tent due to the rain, college president John Saso, Student Administrative Council president Cory Abt and Mary Seppala, chairperson of the Board of Governors turned the sod.

Among the dignitaries present were representatives of Niagara College's administration, members of SAC and Richard Baker, the architect.

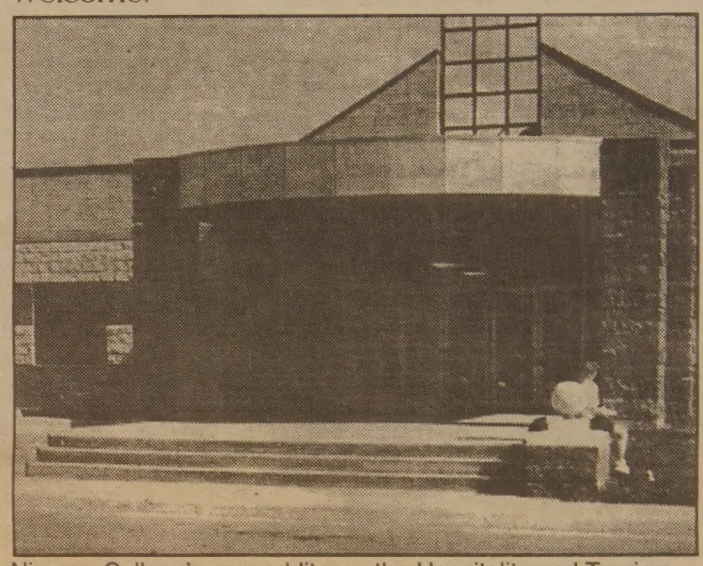
"Everyone's excited that this thing will be finished before the school year is over," SAC president Cory Abt said. "Its time has definitely come."

Randy Conlon, a former SAC member, also attended the sodturning. As SAC president for the 1988-89 year, the student centre was his pet project.

"I'm glad to see that it is finally getting off the ground," Randy said. "Two years ago I worked really hard for funding for it. If nothing else, it was a learning experience."

After 25 years of planning and fund-raising, the centre is expected to be completed by spring of 1991.

Welcome!



Niagara College's new additon -- the Hospitality and Tourism Centre on Dunn Street in Niagara Falls.

Photo by Lisa Choma

Niagara blasts Buffalo with resounding win

The Niagara Knights pounded the Buffalo State Bengals 13-5 Saturday night at the Welland arena, in a game full of penalties.

The Knights opened the game on a goal by team captain James Ward, during the first minute.

From this point, the Knights totally dominated the Bengals. The team scored four more goals in the first period alone. The Bengals finally scored two goals in the last six minutes of the period. Both teams collected penalties, the Knights with three and the Bengals, two.

The coach of Buffalo State changed his goalie at 12:49 of the second period after the Knights scored four more goals. The new goalie for Buffalo State had only one goal scored against him, but he was penalized late in the period. One penalty against each team was called.

In the third period, the Knights collected six penalties. This period also saw the third change of goalies for the Knights.

Buffalo State scored their final goal this period and also collected three penalties. Two fights, of little consequence, erupted.

Niagara's goal scorers were: Lance Parcher with four, Jeff Mazi, three, Corwin Coady, two, Simon Wayda, two, Kevin Hedden, one and James Ward, one.

To date the Knights have lost to Sheridan College, tied with the University of Buffalo and beat the Buffalo State Bengals.

A Niagara Knight player pummels a Buffalo State Bengal behind Buffalo State's net Saturday night. The Bengals were crushed by the Knights, 13-5.

Photo by Dave Johnson

Replacement fee questioned

The theft of several parking permits has raised questions as to the replacement cost of a misplaced or stolen permit.

The current charge of $45 for a replacement permit seems to be a direct contradiction of the college's Policies and Procedures Manual. The manual lists a permit's replacement cost as $2. The lower fee, established by the committee that set up the permit parking system, is no longer in effect. When Ron Haughton, director of property and plant services, arrived at the college last March, he took over from the now defunct committee. Mr. Haughton raised the price to the current level.

"I have trouble believing that there were between 150 to 200 parking passes lost last year," he said. "I suspect that about 150 of those were individuals who were taking advantage of the $2 replacement fee." These students would buy a permit and then say they had lost it. For two dollars they would receive another permit which they could share with a friend, he said.

"We didn't enforce it last year. We could have towed people away who had these bogus passes. We were trying to be understanding and tolerant."

With the new system, Mr. Haughton said he was trying to be "fair and equitable to everyone concerned."

Free trade goes into effect. The one-dollar bill is replaced by the loonie.

College president makes final decision

Niagara College has three vice-president positions to be filled.

Tony Knowles, vice-president academics, has resigned to become president of Red River Community College, Winnipeg, Oct. 29.

Two new vice-presidential jobs were created by a new organizational structure implemented by college president John Saso. Vice-president community ventures, and vice-president student life and human resources will be in place as of January 1991.

Three selection committees will be formed to compile a profile of ideal vice-president candidates, screen applicants and interview top candidates.

Both internal and external candidates will be short listed. The deadline for internal candidates was Oct. 10. The deadline for external candidates is Oct. 30.

Mr. Saso will chair each selection committee to be composed of faculty, support staff and administration.

The vice-president student life and human resources committee will also contain one student nominated by Student Administrative Services. The vice-president community nominees — one each from Welland, St. Catharines and Niagara Falls — as well as one board of governors appointee.

Each selection committee will advise Mr. Saso of its choice for vice-president, but the president will make the final selection.

1991-1992

Student centre on schedule

Despite bad weather, construction of Niagara College's long-awaited student centre remains on schedule.

There were, however, a few delays.

Merit Construction of St. Catharines has been working on the centre for more than two months, and with winter here the workmen are finding the weather less than hospitable.

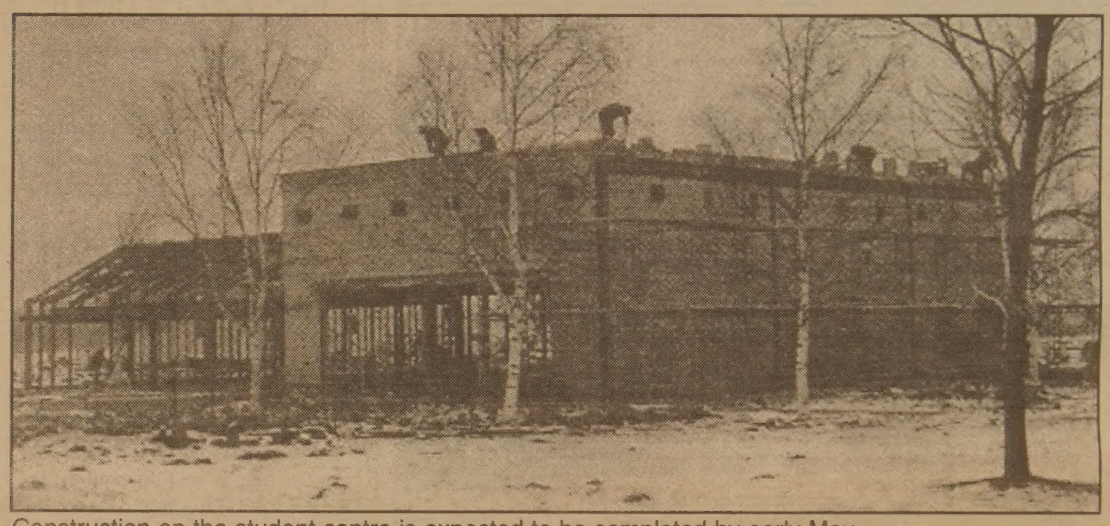
Working in freezing temperatures makes for slow going, site superintendent Frank Pearson said.

"Production has been pretty slow overall," he said, "We had a truck stuck in the mud when we first started, and the ground was so bad once we had to pour concrete out of a tow truck."

As yet unnamed, the student centre will contain a pub area with a bar, a lounge, a game room and Student Administrative Council's offices. The centre's $800,000 budget will be covered almost entirely by student funds, as well as money from SAC trust fund established about 10 years ago. A $25 student fee with each registration was added last year to be put toward covering the cost of the centre.

Working with a crew which varies between two and 15 workers, Merit Construction is optimistic to complete the 7,900-square-foot centre by May 15.

"I'm very pleased with the progress the centre is making," Donna Flutur, SAC office manager, said. "I was at an on-site meeting Wednesday, and everything is going smoothly. It's on schedule which I'm very pleased with."



Construction on the student centre is expected to be completed by early May.

Photo by David Rempel

Former politician joins college staff

A former federal and provincial bureaucrat will become Niagara College's new vice-president of community ventures.

Dan Patterson, currently serving as director of the partnership and service development branch of the Ontario Ministry of Skills Development, was selected from more than 200 applications. He begins his new job Jan. 28.

"He has a background in the community college system and a real knowledge of business and industry," John Saso, college president, said.

Mr. Patterson's experiences includes developing new programs with business and industry involving both the provincial and federal government levels.

In accepting his responsibilities at the college, one of Mr. Patterson's objectives is to develop a partnership with federal, provincial and municipal governments, unions, private business and other community organizations in support of economic development.

"Above all, the challenge is to ensure that Niagara College takes a quantum leap forward in its

DAN PATTERSON

responsiveness to the community it serves," Mr. Patterson stated in a press release issued through Mr. Saso's office. "To serve the market well is to ensure success."

Mr. Patterson holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science from the University of Windsor, a Masters of Science degree from the London School of Economics and a Masters of Education degree from the University of Toronto.

The unpopular goods and services tax goes into effect.

Journalism moves to desktop publishing

Students no longer handle chemicals for processing

By JOEL NAPHIN
Staff Writer

A desktop publishing system, costing about $20,000, has been added to the Journalism-Print program allowing the students hands-on experience before entering the newspaper business.

The new Apple Macintosh system was installed during study week. Last Friday's edition of the Niagara News, March 20, Vol. 22, No. 13, was the first edition produced using desktop.

"Everything in the paper except graphics, rule point, photographs, and advertisements are produced on this system," said Phyllis Barnatt, program co-ordinator.

The system includes software programs NewsEdit and QuarkXpress. Hardware includes a Quadra 700 file server, and LaserWriter II laserprinter. These all replace the former system consisting of the MCS Compugraphic typesetting system and the Compugraphic 7200 headliner.

The previous system is about 10 years old and was the most up-to-date system when the advisory committee purchased it. Austin Jelbert, journalism instructor, said.

"At the time we were well ahead of many newspapers when we acquired it," he said, "It (the new system) is great and makes the newspaper look good."

The new system was installed following a survey of daily and community newspapers on their production and newswriting last year.

There are many benefits to the desktop system.

Students are no longer handling chemicals which were used in the processor, Ms. Barnatt said.

Students may set individual headlines and cutlines saving more time. Course assignments can be done electronically. All copy editing is done in the Macintosh.

"Desktop brings the students much closer to an actual newspaper and prepares the students for what they will find in their employment," Ms. Barnatt said. "It opens new and exciting doors for the introduction and pagination of layout and design." Pagination is the process of designing and laying out a page on an electronic dummy system rather than on paper.

> 'I'm excited about the possibility of introducing computerized photography,'
> ----Phyllis Barnatt

There are 15 Macintosh Plus computer units in the journalism room, S212, used by 27 second-year students.

"I think it's great, it saves a lot of time. It's more attractive looking and it speeds up the production process," said Tara Grigg, a second-year journalism student. "This system is new and exciting. I learn something new everyday about it. I think it will benefit the first-year students entering into their second-year."

"I really like the new system," said Sheri Hamilton, also a second-year journalism student. "It makes life in the newsroom a great deal easier, plus it's a great asset to have when applying for a job with a major-league newspaper."

There are only two other Quadra units in the Niagara region. Niagara College became the third regional location to acquire the system.

"I'm excited about the possibility of introducing computerized photography," said Ms. Barnatt adding, "I appreciate the vote of confidence the college's board of governors and administration is showing in the journalism program."

The initial investigation for desktop was done when Neil McGregor, former director of the human services division in 1991, suggested the analysis be done for future program planning.

Larry Taylor, NiagaraCollege's applied arts division director, said computers are the way of the future. He recently visited Rannie Printing and Publishing's offices in Beamsville, Ont., and saw how important computers are in newspapers for color separation, classified advertising and page layout.

"I believe without the technology we have, it will be impossible to find a job. You have to have computer technology not just in journalism but in other areas as well," said Mr. Taylor.

New campus discussions put on hold

Discussions about a new St. Catharines campus for Niagara College have been put on hold pending the arrival of Dan Patterson the college's new vice-president of community services.

John Saso, college president, has initiated discussions with officials of St. Catharines and the business community about project financing, Hans van der Slagt, acting vice-president, academics, said.

College officials want the new campus to be easily accessible and highly visible, he said.

The college is discussing programming, design and contracts, but no announcement is expected until Mr. Patterson arrives at the school Jan. 28.

The Health Care Aid and Registered Nursing Assistant programs, other health science programs from Mount Carmel and Mack, and the possibility of new programs will move during stage one of the project, he said.

The Ministry of Colleges and Universities supports the campus, but funding is to be announced later, he said.

The campus should be under construction within 18 months, Mr. van der Slagt said.

The college is interested in a number of sites in St. Catharines.

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Students pull double duty to produce Niagara News

By MIKE MICHAUD
Staff Writer

Creating a newspaper every week while holding down a full course load isn't easy, but these students do it.

The *Niagara News* is produced by second-year Journalism-Print program students at Niagara College's Welland campus.

Niagara News gives graduates "the same experience they would get from a year on the job," says Journalism-Print program co-ordinator Phyllis Barnatt, a former managing editor of a community newspaper.

During the third term (from September to December), the *Niagara News* is published every two weeks. From January to March, the tabloid is published weekly.

About 30 second-year students go on a month-long work term during April.

Work done on the *Niagara News* helps because "it provides the job experience a hiring editor is looking for," said Barnatt.

In addition to having regular classes, Journalism-Print students are assigned to report on different areas (beats) at the various campuses of Niagara College. Students are responsible for writing and editing stories for each week's paper.

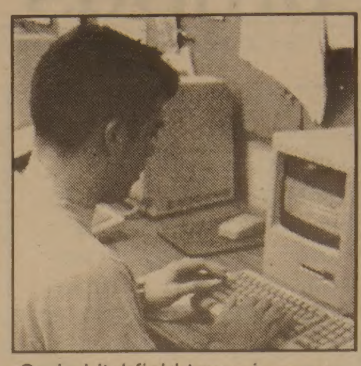
"It's difficult to balance the workload between classroom assignments and *Niagara News* because both involve a lot of time and effort," said 23-year-old Tom Brank, this edition's associate editor.

A different student becomes editor of the *Niagara News* for each edition. The present editor chooses his or her associate editor who, in turn, becomes the editor for the next edition. With the help of Barnatt and journalism instructor Gary Erb, the editors make all the major decisions concerning the newspaper.

On Wednesday, page assignments are listed on the chalkboard in the newsroom. For those students with a page layout, Erb's Wednesday afternoon layout and design class is a perfect time to start. The students are given a list of how many stories and pictures will be on the page, but it's up to them to design the page and put it all together. This can only be done with properly edited copy and well developed photographs.

Pictures play an important role in any newspaper and the *Niagara News* is no different. The photo crew, which changes every week, is responsible for developing all the pictures for the paper. Beginning Monday, members of the photo crew spend many hours in the darkroom developing film, making the contact sheets used in selecting pictures, and enlarging the photos that will be in the paper. This co-ordination all comes together on the busiest day of all -- production day.

Thursday is production day for the *Niagara News*. Second-year Journalism-Print students have no regular classes on Thursdays, but that doesn't mean they don't work.



Craig Litchfield types in copy. All stories are edited by the students.

Photo by Mike Michaud

"Production day is very stressful and very hectic," says Noreen Bond, 19. Bond says little things like over-crowded computers or a broken wax machine can push you "to the point where you say 'I can't do this anymore.' "

Production day of the *Niagara News* is actually created and usually begins about 8:30 a.m. The students spend the day laying out their pages and helping each other.

For anyone without a page, there are many things to do. From waxing paper to writing headlines, people with no specific assigned duties are often the busiest in the newsroom. Fortunately, the anxiety and chaos of production day ends at about 4 p.m. when the finished papers are delivered to the printer.

By early Friday afternoon, 3,500 copies of this edition of the *Niagara News* arrive at Niagara College's Print Centre. From here the work continues. The newspapers are also distributed by the Journalism-Print students. Copies are delivered to all Niagara's campuses. More than 200 copies are mailed to other schools, newspapers and individuals in places as far away as Nova Scotia and Tennessee.

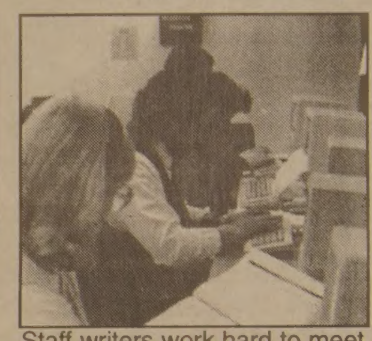
To many people, the *Niagara News* is just a college newspaper and they don't think twice about it.

Second-year Journalism-Print student Chris Russo lays out the Valentine's edition of the Niagara News.

Photo by Tina Young

Monica Queckenstedt (left) conducts an interview. Interviewing is a big part of being a journalist.

Photo by Mike Michaud



Staff writers work hard to meet Monday's deadline.

Photo by Tina Young

But to the students who make it, the *Niagara News* is a full-time commitment.

This article is only a brief look at a week in the life of your school newspaper. Next time you see a copy of *Niagara News* lying on the stands, pick it up and read it; you might be surprised.

Kim Campbell replaces Brian Mulroney as the head of the Progressive Conservatives, becoming Canada's first woman prime minister. The Canadian pilot of a Korean airliner that crashed is arrested for endangering the lives of his passengers. The Toronto Blue Jays win the World Series for the second year in a row.

Internet comes to college

By MIKE MICHAUD
Staff Writer

Niagara College staff and some students will be linked up with computers around the world, thanks to the Internet.

The Internet is a "network of networks," said Elizabeth Weldon, who with a team of Niagara College staff have been working since April 1993 to find the best way to hook the college up to the world-wide computer network.

Over the Christmas holidays, 120 Niagara staff members spent three hours learning how to use the network, she said. As well as staff members, students in the electronics technology programs will also be learning to use the Net, as it is sometimes called.

Access to the Net will allow users to electronically search for any kind of information, anywhere in the world. Users can also send e-mail to others or copy any number of the thousands of software programs available.

Weldon said her team wants to "see how it goes" with staff on the Net. She said next year almost any course that teaches students to use the library will also teach how to use the Internet.

New manager heads After Hours

By JASON GRAHAM
Staff Writer

There is a new face wandering the recently renovated Student Centre, and he is not a first-year student.

David J. Rapelje, 28, of Welland, was hired on July 15, 1994 as the Niagara College Student Centre manager.

After Donna Flutur resigned as Student Centre manager, the search began to find a replacement before the 1994-95 academic year's start. The job was advertised in newspapers in the Niagara region, but the position was filled by someone within the Niagara College system.

Rapelje is an alumnus of Niagara College. He graduated from the Law and Security program in 1987 and was vice-president of external affairs on the Student Administrative Council (SAC).

After Niagara, Rapelje joined the Armed Forces, stationed with the Lincoln and Welland regiment at the Lake St. Armory in St. Catharines. He was honorably discharged in 1989 to proceed with his education.

Rapelje entered Brock University in St. Catharines in 1988 and graduated with his bachelor of arts degree in 1990. He said he gained more knowledge with his Law and Security Administration diploma from Niagara than from his two years at Brock.

Rapelje was not finished his education. He received a scholarship to attend Niagara University in Lewiston, N.Y., in 1992 for his masters in science and education (counselling).

Within the two years at Niagara University, Rapelje spent his work placement in Bedford Stuyvesant, a ghetto deep in the heart of New York City.

He said he worked in a counselling office "providing street level intervention for full-blown drug and alcohol addicts." He said it was a hectic experience, but one he enjoyed immensely.

Like a lot of Niagara College graduates, Rapelje found his way back to Welland and the college system. He got a job teaching four courses in the Law and Security Administration program.

"I really enjoyed the interaction with students," said Rapelje.

A year later, Rapelje accepted a position in the counselling department where he said he enjoyed the education outside the classroom.

From there, Carol Boettcher, Niagara College's vice-president, student life and success and human resources, hired Rapelje to prepare an assessment project about residence life programs across Ontario.

Rapelje toured 16 different colleges and universities to see what residence life was really about. He said this is when he realized he wanted to work in student life.

On Rapelje's hiring for the Student Centre manager position, Boettcher said, "We were very excited when Dave was selected for the position. He brings a unique combination of skills in hospitality and student life."

"I want to find out what students want," said Rapelje. "It's my goal to make the Student Centre the hub of student life."

Rapelje said with the new students coming every year he has to learn to adapt and assess the needs of students, not just the traditional students. He said he wants to reprogram the Student Centre for three things: entertainment, education and awareness. He said awareness includes "the personal growth and safety of students."

"I want students to avoid the stigmas in asking questions about drugs and alcohol," said Rapelje.

In his spare time, Rapelje operates his own company, Dave Rapelje Productions, and collects native art.

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New Glendale campus gets underway

Niagara College President John Saso, far right, oversees the official ground-breaking ceremony at the new Glendale campus in Niagara-on-the-Lake on June 13.

Photo by Stephanie Turton

By LAURY REID
Staff Writer

The next century is approaching, and with it comes a number of changes for Niagara College.

The ground-breaking ceremony for the new Glendale campus took place June 13 at the White Oaks Inn and Racquet Club in St. Catharines.

John Saso, Niagara College president, said he realized the college could no longer continue leasing one building after another to accommodate new programs.

The new campus, which will cost about $33.4 million, will be three floors above ground and one floor below.

The 20-hectare (50-acre) campus, near the Foster Wheeler building and White Oaks Inn and Racquet Club, will house the School of Business and Entrepreneurship, the Centre of Specialization in Health Sciences, and the School of Environment, Horticulture and Agribusiness.

Continuing Education courses and real estate courses from the Ontario Real Estate Association will also be offered.

Gymnasium facilities, a cafeteria, learning resource centre, campus store and study or meeting areas will be available for students.

The new campus will hold 1,300 students initially, with a maximum capacity of 1,700 students.

Construction is set to begin in November, and the campus is scheduled to open in September 1997.

The Welland campus is set to undergo a major facelift as well.

A new front entrance containing the Registrar's office, Admissions, Counselling, Financial Aid, and Special Needs will be built to face the corner of Woodlawn Road and First Avenue.

A new cafeteria and meeting place will be built next to the Learning Resource Centre (LRC). The LRC will get a new entrance, a fiber optic network and bright energy-efficient lighting.

The Technology, Skills and Customized Training School will open in a 3,600-square-meter (40,000-square-foot) building now under construction behind the Black Walnut Building.

Nursing programs will move to the Welland campus from the Mack School of Nursing in St. Catharines.

Studios for the Broadcasting-Radio, Television and Film program will be updated.

The 85-place day-care centre under construction is scheduled to open this month.

Student residence facilities are being planned for both campuses.

These renovations and upgrades at the Welland campus will cost about $10.3 million.

On April 8, 1994 former Ontario premier Bob Rae announced a $32 million capital grant to Niagara College. The college received another $5.7 million from the sale of the St. Catharines campus, lease savings, and college ancillary programs, leaving $6 million to be raised by the fund-raising campaign called *Niagara: The Next Century.*

"I encourage everyone to get on the Niagara College band wagon and give your enthusiastic support," Norris Walker, president of Walker Brothers Quarries of Thorold and co-chair of the campaign, said at the ground-breaking ceremony.

The campaign had received $3 million in pledges as of late June.

$3.3 million funding cut axes Mack Nursing Education Centre

By STACEY SMITH AND LEAH LAPRISE
Staff Writers

. The Mike Harris government's cuts have found their way to Niagara College's Mack Nursing Education Centre.

College funding cuts were announced in the provincial government's economic statement in December.

"Our post-secondary funding will decrease by $3.3 million in the fiscal year which starts on April 1, 199 and we have to take steps to ensure that we continue to operate in a fiscally-responsible manner," said Niagara College President Dan Patterson in a press release.

Directly affected by the cuts will be Niagara's Mack Nursing Education Centre in St. Catharines.

Donna Conradi, year one coordinator diploma nursing, says "we we're quite amazed and shocked by the decision to suspend" all nursing programs.

The college is calling the elimination of the program a "suspension" in order to allow "a three-year time frame in which they may re-start (programs) without having to apply to the government to do so," said Conradi.

She says it is "highly unlikely" the college will reinstate the diploma nursing course, however, there is reason to think the practical nursing programs had nothing to do with the quality of the courses, but everything to do with the Harris government's cuts, says Conradi.

"Nursing has always been vulnerable because we are expensive," she says.

Christine Clark, community relations spokesperson for the St. Catharines General Hospital, says the nursing students were always "welcomed and appreciated" around the hospital and "everyone is saddened by the situation."

The admissions office at the college has sent letters to students who have already applied for the January-Start program informing them of the program suspensions. Conradi says Mohawk College in Hamilton will be able to take some of these students, but the rest will have to apply elsewhere.

She says there will be a "definite impact" on the centre's 31 full-time staff members and that staff are expecting layoffs. It is estimated that only 19 full-time jobs will be remaining in September.

"Everyone is working to maintain a positive forward-looking attitude so students aren't feeling any insecurities (about future schooling)," she said.

Students who have missed credits throughout their course of study will have a chance to make them up through continuing education or night school courses.

"We will do whatever we can to provide those courses," says Conradi.

Although the announcement came as a shock, Conradi says the faculty realize students can't be affected in a negative way.

"We have separated our personal responses from our professional obligations."

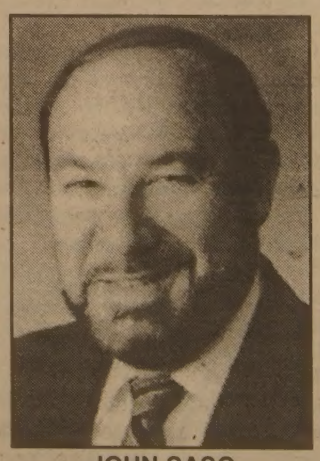
College president resigns

By SARAH MURRELL
Staff Writer

The time is nearly up for John Saso as president of Niagara College.

Saso tendered his resignation on July 24 and announced he has accepted a position with the upper Canada Law Society as chief executive officer.

"I put limits on positions I take on," says Saso. "The board asked me how long I saw myself as president of the college and I told them four to six years. Next April will be six years."



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The college has enjoyed some successes under Saso's leadership. since he was named president in 1990, student enrolment has gone up 60 per cent, and a $2.4-million deficit is expected to enter the black and plans for a new campus have been finalized.

"I'm sad to see John leave the college," said Rick Bassett, of St. Catharines, chair of Niagara College's Board of Governors. "He will leave a very successful legacy . . . the college has made great strides in the past six years."

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Record-breaking enrolment puts Niagara in 'fastest growing' league

By ALEX HALMAI
Staff Writer

Niagara College's record-breaking enrolment increase has catapulted it to be among the fastest growing colleges in Ontario.

Following three consecutive years of growth, a 3.7 per cent increase in enrolment over last year's numbers has set a new record of 5,267 students starting the 1997 fall term.

In terms of showing steady, consistent growth over the last three to four years, "we probably rank among the leaders," said Al Vaughan, college registrar.

"Many colleges' (enrolment) jumps up an down from year to year but Niagara has had a steady increase. You want controlled growth and around four per cent was where our target was."

The bulk of the college's growth has come through post-graduate programs.

"A lot of university students who have taken a more general degree want to come to college to fine-tune their skills for the job market," said Vaughan.

This year Niagara boasts 350 to 400 post-graduate students. Ten years ago there were none.

The main growth programs for this year include Business Administration, all computer-related programs and the Hospitality and Tourism program.

Intentional enrolment cuts have been made to most health and community programs, while the Nursing program has been suspended.

Waitlisting has doubled from the previous year's numbers. Currently, 34 of the 50 programs offered at the college are full and have a waitlist, compared to 15 programs full with a waitlist last year.

"You don't want to grow beyond what it takes to have a quality college," said Vaughan.

There is a general recognition among students that "in order to get that good job, the more education and the better education you have, the better chance you have at getting that good job," said Vaughan.

Employment in the public sector has been "difficult in terms of job placement. We're always trying to bring on new programs in areas that we determine jobs are going to be in the future," said Vaughan.

The college works with advisory committees to establish each program's curriculum. The members of these committees come directly from the specific field of study and inform the program co-ordinators of what changes need to be made to the curriculum to keep it up-to-date with the requirements of the job market.

"We want the number of graduates we have to correspond with the growth potential of jobs," said Vaughan.

The new on-campus residence has also "generated a lot of interest in the college by improving the overall quality of student life. You have a core of students on campus all the time. It makes the school more attractive and that spills over into your overall enrolment," said Vaughan.

The residence completes a student's image of what a school should be.

"Niagara is generally seen around the province as a good place to go to school," said Vaughan.

Planting our roots

Horticulture program graduate Jay Goodale, left, plants a tree with Niagara College President Dan Patterson. The tree planting is part of a landscaping project at the Welland campus.

Photo by Dan Dakin

Journalism technology moving ahead

By RACHEL LEECH
Staff Writer

Prospects are improving for the Journalism - Print program at Niagara College's Welland campus.

E.S. Fox Ltd., a Niagara Falls electrical-mechanical contractor, has donated over $13,000 worth of Macintosh computer equipment to the program.

"The donation has moved us a year and half ahead of our planned time-line to do electronic pagination," said Phyllis Barnatt, 42, the Journalism-Print program co-ordinator.

The program provides a realistic newsroom setting and with the new equipment "students graduate with the computer skills to confidently work in the print industry," said Leo Tiberi, 35, the college's director of the Information and Computer Technology division.

Paul Dayboll, 35, technical adviser for the college's Macintosh computer lab, contacted E.S. Fox after Barnatt heard the firm was considering selling the equipment.

"They were upgrading their computer system and we let them know we would be interested in the donation."

"We were replacing our equipment with a different platform," said Jacob Westerhoff, of St. Catharines, the manager of Information Systems at E.S. Fox.

"We have some Niagara College students working for us who made us aware of the college's need. Then Paul Dayboll contacted us and asked us if we were willing to donate."

The donation has been split into two shipments. After getting the required college administrative signatures and an independent third-party evaluation of the equipment's worth, the first shipment arrived on Aug. 26.

"For that formal list 10 computers, four stand-alone display monitors and the cabling was received," said Barnatt.

The rest of the donation is expected to be received "as soon as we get all the signatures and the second independent evaluation completed," Barnatt said.

Funding that would have been used to upgrade the Macintosh Lab. An update of the Mac Lab will benefit many programs, such as the Public Relations Post-Graduate program.

"We're delighted with the donation and the partnership we have with E.S. Fox. We want to thank them for their generosity and their assistance in the success of our program's graduates," said Barnatt.

The year Niagara College's new Glendale campus opened its doors

College, police sign $4-million gun range, training centre deal

By JOHN PEAR
Staff Writer

A new $4-million gun range and Niagara Regional Police (NRP) training centre will be built at Niagara College's Welland campus.

The gun range and police training centre are part of a proposed new Niagara Centre of Excellence for Police and Justice Studies.

The new facility will be constructed north of the Mackenzie building with access off Rice Road. The college will provide two to three acres of land with access to water, sewer, electricity and hydro.

Niagara College President Dan Patterson praised the plan.

"It's another example of Niagara College's strong commitment to working in partnership . . . they (the NRP) would bring a lot of their resources to the college, and, in turn, we can offer a lot to them in terms of library services, our gymnasium, our weight room; there are all sorts of opportunities.

"We're hoping that this will materialize into a full-fledged partnership," said the college president.

The centre will be wholly owned and operated by the police.

On Sept. 25, the Police Services Board approved the proposal, which hinges on getting regional government approval for $4 million in capital funding. The proposal will be discussed at a regional finance committee meeting on Oct. 8 and then onto Niagara Regional Council.

The Niagara College Board will meet over the next couple of weeks to approve the proposal.

This training facility will have offices to accommodate some of the specialized services training such as use-of-force training and judgment training. It will also have specialized classrooms as well as a fully enclosed indoor gun range. No noise problems are expected.

Since the gun range on Cataract Road is outdated, a new range is needed to comply with legislated requirements to meet mandatory training needs.

Bonnie Rose, the college's vice-president academics, describes the proposed structure as being "state-of-the-art training facilities."

She said the college has a good working relationship with the police service and that "it's a win-win (situation)."

The Police Services Board is seeking $3 million in funding from the Niagara Region, $500,000 from the Ontario Municipal Employee Retirement System fund and the balance will be covered from existing funds.

No college funding will be used toward this project.

The police will have access to the college's gym, weight-training room, locker rooms, showers, and other services such as the library and studios. The new Student Residence will be available although not through the entire year.

Students have already enjoyed the benefits of having police officers as either guest lecturers or teachers, said Rose.

The police service and the college are collaborating to provide a program called Advanced Justice Skills, which involves distance and on-site training. This program could be available as early as September 1998.

"I'm quite sure if you took a poll of other colleges as to whether they would want this type of opportunity, they would grab it and run," said Rose.

Motive Skill Centre ready for apprenticeship programs; opens November 6

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The motive centre was designed by Piraino & Raimondo Associate Architects Inc., of Niagara Falls, and was built by Brouwer Construction Ltd., of St. Catharines.

The interior will be ready for students to begin studies in the apprenticeship programs, but contractors may have to complete work on the exterior.

The grand opening for the skills centre is Friday, Nov. 6.

Flagship is Niagara; Admiral is Dr. Bowen

By LINDA DWYRE
Staff Writer

A very optimistic and enthusiastic man turns the wheels which keep the Niagara machine in motion. But many people in the community still do not know who Dr. W. George Bowen is.

"People of the peninsula had adopted a wait-and-see attitude toward the college," commented Dr. Bowen, "but Niagara is finally being accepted in the community as something of worth."

A graduate of McGill University in Montreal, he was awarded a Ph.D. in organic chemistry while studying under a National Research Council scholarship. Dr. Bowen later joined the faculty of the McGill department of chemistry as a lecturer.

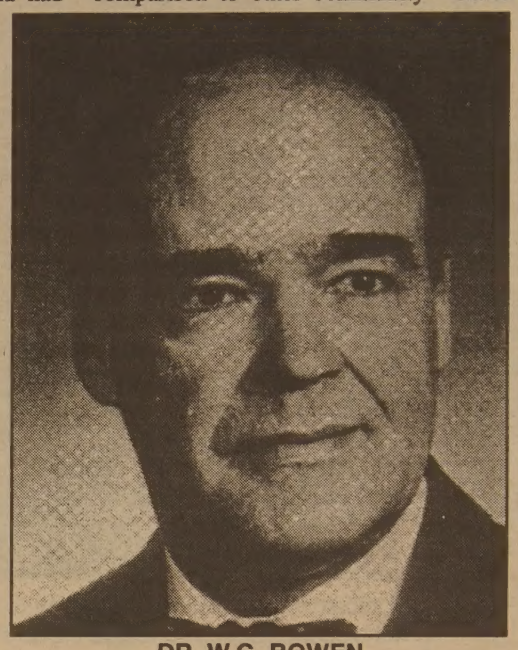
Dr. Bowen said he finds no significant differences between community colleges and universities. The working atmosphere is much the same, only the course content and emphasis on job orientation distinguishes colleges.

He was appointed research and technical manager of TCF of Canada and later became manager of operations, engineering, research and production.

Past presidency of the Cornwall Board of Trade and directorship of the Ontario Chamber of Commerce are included in his long list of titles.

Dr. Bowen was one of the delegates from various parts of the world, invited to speak at the second International Symposium in Stockholm. As the Canadian representative his topic was "Cellulose Technical Questions."

Discussing Niagara College in comparison to other community colleges. he expressed pleasure both with its high academic rating and satisfactory growth rate. He attributed much of this to an able faculty, staff teamwork and dedication. "We can't expect to grow as fast as colleges in metro Toronto," he said.



DR. W.G. BOWEN

Student involvement in the community, as Dr. Bowen sees it, will eventually break down local prejudices. The new policy of admitting former students to course advisory committees he described as excellent, adding the majority of the advisory committees are effective in bringing about community involvement in college students.

Dr. Bowen, who was vice-chairman of the minister of education's advisory council in technical and vocational training in Ontario and who has been a member of the Minister of Manpower and Citizenship's advisory board on technical and vocational training in Canada, does not find his job restrictive.

Elected chairman of the committee of presidents of Colleges of Applied Arts and Technology in Ontario the past two consecutive years, he admits that this position is much more demanding than he had anticipated.

"The responsibilities are great, but are no serious limitations."

What does a college president do for relaxation? Dr. Bowen enjoys classical music, plays, farming and architecture. He owns a farm on the St. Lawrence River, near Cornwall where he has planted 1,400 trees and remodeled a barn into a home.

Here he built a hyperbolic roof of aircraft honeycomb, the first ever constructed of this material.

"Colleges are great, exciting: I enjoy my work very much," he concluded.

New college chief has positive view

By DIANE WAYDA
Staff Writer

Anthony S. Manera, 31, Niagara's new president and the youngest head of any community college in the province, wants to keep in close contact with students and programs.

Mr. Manera said he is a strong advocate of the community college system because "it has the potential for becoming the most relevant and sensitive educational process in the province.

"The challenge of tackling new problems," said Mr. Manera, was the reason he applied to Niagara.

"I want an effective two way communication between myself and the students," he said. He will teach one class to keep in touch with students and he will work closely with SAC.

Asked whether he would favour technology over applied arts and business he replied, "I am not a technical man. I have a strong interest in all programs and will work with all elements of the college."

Mr. Manera toured the school Dec. 1 and said he was pleased with what he saw. He said he was very impressed with students, faculty and work areas.

"The project approach is perhaps one of the best," he said. "When students are working towards a goal they can see they put up with more hardships. They seem to be keen and involved.

"I have a positive impression of the school," he said. "The lounge areas are a good idea but there is a lack of kitchen facilities in the cafeteria."

Mr. Manera said colleges cannot teach everything. Students need skills to help them continue learning by themselves after college.

"It is dangerous to produce people who will fit only a narrow spot. Those spots might not exist tomorrow." He believes in a broad preparation with specialization.

"I am in full support of the many social activities held in this college," Mr. Manera said. "Social outlets are a very important part of the educational process."

He said being the youngest head of a community college would pose no problems.

"Nowadays there is a greater consciousness to look at what is relative—age in not. Ability and experience are what counts," he said.

Mr. Manera held previous teaching and administrative posts at Ryerson Institute of Technology, Toronto, Sir Sandford Fleming College in Peterborough, and the Northrop Institute of Technology in California. He is presently Dean of Technology at Confederation College in Thunder Bay.

Woods-Gordon, a management consultant firm in London, screened 80 applicants before submitting eight to the presidential selection committee at Niagara. The committee consisting of three Board of Governor members, a student and an administrative staff member, selected Mr. Manera.

Anthony Manera, 31, has been appointed the new president of Niagara College.

He was born in Italy and came to Canada when he was 11. He has a Bachelor of Science degree in electronics engineering and a Master of Science degree in electrical engineering besides holding a teaching certificate from the Ontario College of Education in Toronto.

President Manera has written a textbook "Solid State Electronic Circuits—for Engineering Technology," which will be published next year by McGraw-Hill book company.

The new president will move to the Welland area sometime in the near future with his wife and nine-year-old daughter.

"I want to try out the grapes in this area and see if they make a good wine," he said with a smile.

New president Patterson vows: visible, accessible

Saso's resignation opens the door for new college President Dan Patterson

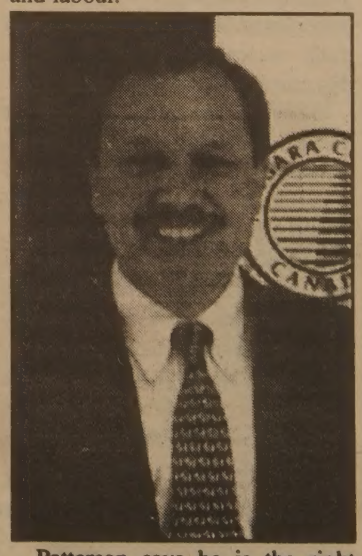
By SARAH MURRELL
Staff Writer

The search is over.

The Presidential Search Committee has chosen the fifth president for Niagara College. Dan Patterson, vice-president of Ventures, takes over from President John Saso on Dec. 4.

The search committee was formed when Saso announced his resignation as college president in July. Saso has accepted a position as chief executive officer with the Law Society of Upper Canada. Niagara College's committee received 75 applications from across the country. The board announced Patterson as the new president at the Board of Governor's meeting on Thursday, Nov. 16.

Patterson, 47, joined the college in 1991 as vice-president of Ventures where he was "responsible for partnerships with business and labour."



Patterson says he is the right man for the job because of his management experience, his education and his strong connection to the region.

"I've had three senior management positions in the past 15 years at three different organizations. I feel I've got the experience to deal with the major changes required in dealing with ensuring the quality of education and dealing with less government funding," says Patterson. "Education has prepared me well for my job. I've experienced the importance of education in the lives of individuals.

"I'm strongly connected to the economic development of the region as chair of the Niagara Region Development Corporation (NRDC). The experience of chair of the NRDC has made me passionate about the importance of community colleges in the life of a community."

Patterson has a master of science degree from the Faculty of Economics in London, England; a masters of education from the University of Toronto; and a bachelor's degree in political science from the University of Windsor.

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Presidents of Niagara College is dedicated to the college's past and present presidents.

College president strives for informality

By TOM POWELL
Staff Writer

Sitting behind the large desk inside her office in Hennepin Hall, Jacqueline Robarts pushed herself back into the large chair, took a deep breath and then in a quick and pleasant tone of voice began to talk about the woman whom Niagara College students know very little about.

Wherever she goes, either on campus or as a representative of the college, Jackie, as she wants to be called, takes with her an informal and friendly attitude, a quality that some people find unusual in an administrator.

Since her appointment to the position of college president in June, Jackie has attended various school activities, most recently the blood donor clinic, in an effort to get to meet as many students as possible and to show her concern for the school and its activities.

As the chief administrator for Niagara College, Jackie realizes that it will take some time for people to accept her informal approach and to understand that she is honestly concerned.

"I DO CARE"

"I'm trying to make an effort for people to get to know me, not because I'm trying to stand on a pedestal but more that I do care," she said.

Jackie hopes that because Niagara is a small college it will be easier to get to know the people. Through her participation in the college, outside of her administrative duties, she hopes to bridge the gap between student and administrator and the uneasy feeling one might have in addressing her on a first name basis.

"I guess another thing that I'd really like to accomplish is that people realize that I'm a human being with all the faults that anybody else has and I will probably make some bad decisions as president." she said. If she does make a mistake, "I am quite willing to admit I've made a mistake."

Jackie hopes to bring across to the students that she is not someone at the top who has no time at all for the "little guy" and his problems. She would much sooner offer someone with a problem advice and counselling instead of the door.

Her dedication to the college does have its limits though.

"Somebody asked me the other day if I was going to go over to the life drawing class and I said that I really do a lot of things for Niagara College but one thing I refuse to do is take my clothes off for it."

Apart from her unwillingness to pose in the nude, Jackie is taking steps to improve what she feels is already a good teacher-staff relationship at the college.

It is only natural to assume that someone with this type of attitude in their business dealing would also apply it to the other aspects of her life as well.

Jackie has acquired a large number of friends over the years and while she is not inclined to throw enormous parties she feels at home entertaining a small gathering of six to eight people.

Born in Windsor, Jackie was the youngest of four girls. She attended high school at Brantford and played basketball for four years, and was captain of her team for the last two. She was also a tennis player and in her spare time, an avid camper and swimmer.

JACQUELINE ROBARTS

After she completed high school, her father told her that any further education she wished to get she would have to pay for herself. There were no student loans and Jackie worked part-time to pay for her schooling. She is a determined person who is not afraid to go after what she wants.

As her career progressed she had to come to grips with many of the social pressures placed on a successful career woman.

Jackie has been engaged twice, once to a man who contracted polio and died and the other time to a man who found it hard to accept her potential as possibly being greater than his.

"As I got into my mid 20s it was always kind of a decision between my career, as I was advancing in my career, with due respect to many men."

But she doesn't consider herself "a sour old maid" and certainly is not sorry for herself.

Being so busy at work she enjoys the free time she has to herself and is not one for taking off on long travel holidays.

LIKES READING

She is a "ferocious" reader, likes to do crewel work and hook rugs and is a fan of semi-classical and symphony music. Her love of gourmet cooking may be suffering though, as she attempts to lose weight in the Pounds for Canada contest.

She is a "fairly homey person" who can feel as comfortable in blue jeans as she can in an evening gown. Because of her position she feels people often perceive her as someone who doesn't enjoy the small things, like looking at leaves in the fall.

The move from Toronto to the Niagara region hasn't been a difficult one but she admits that at times it is not easy to make new friends.

"If you make close friends amongst the people with whom you work when you are the top person then you put other people's noses out of joint because you're not part of their group," she said. "So you have to be careful."

With no immediate family living close by, Jackie often makes trips back to Toronto to see friends.

"As long as I am at work it's fine," she said, "but when you go home you close the door in the apartment and you're there. I was used to the phone ringing a half dozen times in the evening and it might ring once or twice a week here."

Though she is not a lonely person because she is so busy she does find that "there certainly is that sort of aloneness at times that I think you have to learn to deal with."

But she is constantly expanding her interests and broadening her horizons. She hopes to take up cross-country skiing this winter and resume her tennis playing sometime in the near future.

She even hopes to take an evening course at the college someday, when the teacher can feel comfortable with her and realize that she's there this time as Jackie Robarts, student, not Jacqueline Robarts, president.

New college president says he's the right man for the job

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Prior to joining Niagara College, Patterson was the director of the Partnership and Training Support Services branch of Skills Development.

Patterson says he plans to re-emphasize "the importance of the college...as an engine for economic growth in the peninsula. We are tied to the peninsula in ensuring we provide the right skills for people in areas like the new economy. The region is going through difficult times and we need to be an important player in future economic revitalization.

"We are committed to the master plan," says Patterson. "I hope the government can fulfil its commitment to renovate the Welland campus and establish what I call the replacement campus at the Glendale site.

"I intend to be a very visible part of the Welland campus. I'm already very visible at St. Catharines campus," says Patterson. "I'm asking the Student Administrative Council (SAC) president to meet with me Dec. 4 to begin to discuss how best to have continuing dialogue and ensure I keep in touch with student issues. The president has to be visible and accessible through various methods."

Patterson, who is from Toronto, lives in St. Catharines with his wife, Saundra. They have one daughter, Christine, who graduated from the Environmental Management program at Niagara College.

"I get very direct feedback from my daughter," say Patterson. "It is very helpful from a parent's point of view as one experiences the college."

The college president earns between $90,000 and $115,000 annually.

Meet John Saso, college president

By KAREN GIBSON
Staff Writer

There was no police escort for the announcement of Niagara College's new president, but his name was kept a well-guarded secret over the past weekend.

After seven months of searching, John Saso (pronounced Sayso) has been appointed the fourth president of Niagara College.

Mr. Saso was the unanimous choice of both the Board of Governors and the Selection Committee.

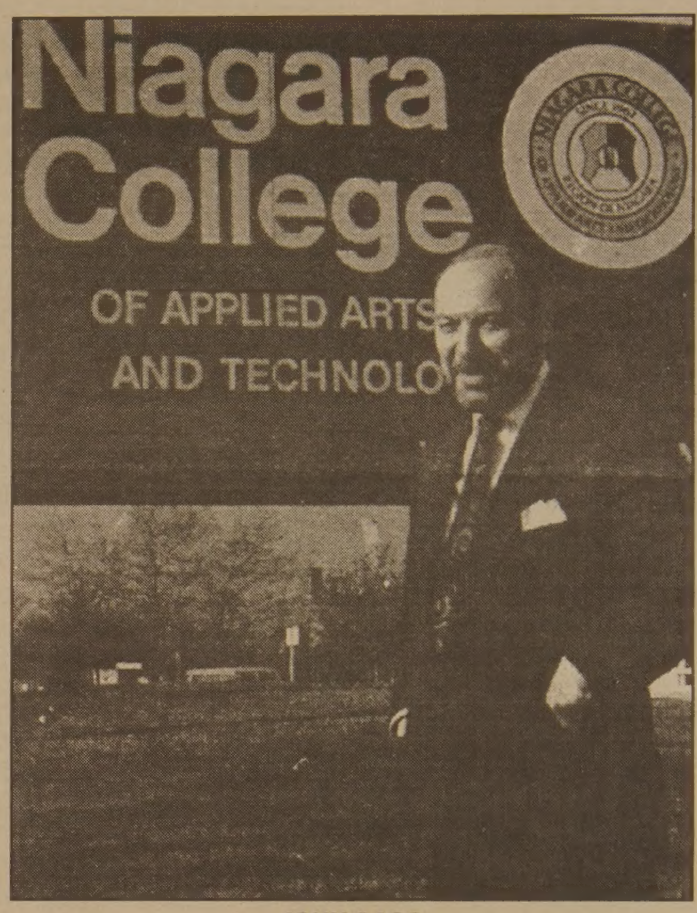
This is the second time Humber College has lost a vice-president to Niagara College. Mr. Saso is the vice-president of administration at Humber College, Toronto, and will replace the college's president Jacqueline Robarts Sept. 1.

TAKES COLLEGE INTO 90s

"John is the right person to lead Niagara College and the peninsula in the 90s and through its challenges and problems," Mary Anne Toomath-Seppala, chairman of the Board of Governors told reporters after introducing the future president.

Mr. Saso said he was attracted to the college by its potential for growth and development.

"There is a tremendous opportunity for good teamwork between the community and college for advancement. There are more raw materials in the way of staff and students than in any other college I've seen. There's the ability to liaise with business and industry and new ventures to pursue. We shouldn't have to wait for funding to provide services. We should help ourselves by breaking new ground and co-operating with industries and businesses. Industry should be partners with education."



JOHN SASO

Mr. Saso, a native of Barrie, brings a wealth of experience and knowledge to Niagara College. In 1968 he graduated with a bachelor of arts degree at Osgoode Hall Law School in 1978.

WIDE EXPERIENCE

His working history includes sales and personnel management with Eatons of Canada and the Bay; vice-president of sales and marketing with Industrial Estate Holding Corporation, and product management and marketing with Xerox of Canada.

His teaching experience includes two years as a full-time teaching master at Georgian College in Barrie. He was promoted to director of human resources and then to vice-president finance and administration at Georgian, which he left in 1986 to become vice-president, administration at Humber College.

Mr. Saso wants to make the college a "centre of excellence with a reputation that extends beyond its geographical region."

By the end of his contract, Mr. Saso would like to see Niagara College's enrolment double, a feat he accomplished before he left Georgian College. Though his contract is not yet official, Mr. Saso hopes it will be for three years.

EXPANSION A MUST

To accomplish this, Mr. Saso believes in "expansion not contraction." Expansion includes plans for a student residence; creating new programs specific to business needs, and providing programs not offered by other community colleges to appeal to people outside the community.

A more immediate problem is the hunt for a new house. Mr. Saso will be moving with his wife, Ann, who manages an interior design business, and their two sons, John and Reilly, to the Niagara region this summer. They have two daughters, Sarah and Kellie, both recent university graduates.

Now that the secrecy surrounding the name of the new president has been removed, Mr. Saso has revealed his secret formula for success for Niagara College—an intertwining of the community and students to build a partnership with industry as a bridge to the future.

Shear Joy!

Niagara College President Dan Patterson (far left) poses with former college presidents (l to r) John Saso (1990-95), Jackie Robarts (1978-90), and Tony Manera (1972-77) at the official opening of the Glendale Campus on October 22, 1998.

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Designed by John Frame of Grimsby he explains his design: "The best eye catcher is a graphic that is simple but also plays with the eye. The word Niagara means Great Water of Thunder and is world renowned. This logo symbolizes an endless resource of pouring water as it carves a path in the rock, just as the college is a centre of resources, carving a path into lives of people seeking direction." ***(Taken from the October 23, 1992 edition of the Niagara News)***

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In the centre of the shield is an octagonal figure which represents the eight-sided structural design of the Humanities Tower in the centre of the proposed complex of college buildings.

Within the octagonal figure are four distinctive geometric figures - two trapezoids and two triangles - each of which represents one of the four divisions of the college. The first trapezoid represents the Business Division; the first triangle represents the Humanities and Applied Arts Division; the second triangle represents the Technology Division; and the second trapezoid represents the extension Division.

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